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Tunnel construction in Mecca approved

JEDDAH, March 5 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday night approved construction of a planned traffic tunnel at Safa Mountain in Mecca.

Information Minister Abdo Yamani said the tunnel — aimed at easing traffic in the Holy City during the Hajj — would also be linked with a pedestrian tunnel already approved by the council.

The council meeting was chaired by Second Deputy Prime Minister and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

Dr. Yamani said the council also endorsed a proposal by Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosaini to make the Industrial Studies and Development Center a consultative agency.

7 executed in Tehran

TEHRAN, March 5 (Agencies) — Seven officials of the Shah's government were executed in Iran Monday, the twelfth anniversary of the death of Prime Minister Muhammad Mossadegh, who in 1953 staged a coup against the Shah and was then ousted by the military.

The executions Monday morning followed a secret trial (Continued on back page)

West accused of blocking Arab oil refining efforts

ABU DHABI, March 5 (R) — The industrial democracies were accused Monday of deliberately hampering attempts by oil-exporting countries to develop their own oil-refining facilities.

On the second day of the first Arab energy conference, speakers criticized the big oil companies and industrial governments, and warnings were given that the world faced crisis unless oil consumers and exporters cooperated.

Abdulaziz Al-Wattari, assistant secretary general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), bleakly stated that he saw little prospect of cooperation.

He said consumer countries were deliberately hampering the oil exporters' refining development.

Oil producers, and particularly OAPEC members, should expect further resistance from consumers to their attempts to create downstream oil refining activities, he added.

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Prince Sultan

Apparent and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa as well as Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain Al-Sayed (Continued on back page)

Carter visits Cairo Thursday

Goes to Israel later amid hopes of peace

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter, in a drive to wrap up a Middle East peace treaty, will fly to Egypt and Israel this week to try and clear away remaining roadblocks to a settlement.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said in Cairo Monday that Carter's trip "will most likely lead to a signing."

And Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told members of the U.S. Congress in Washington, "now there is a ray of hope," noting that Israel has

accepted U.S. proposals for wrapping up a treaty, he added. "Let us hope Egypt will join the effort. Then if this happens, in a short period of time we may have ceremony of signing."

Khalil said in an interview: "When an American president puts down all his stakes, it is natural that it has to have a positive result."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Monday that Carter will arrive in Egypt on Thursday afternoon for talks with President Anwar Sadat and then go on to Israel on Saturday



CARTER MESSAGE: U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Hermann Eilat Monday delivered a message of President Carter to President Anwar Sadat at his Pyramid rest house in Giza. Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak was also present on the occasion. (AP wirephoto)

for talks with Begin. At this point, Powell said, there are no plans for a three-way meeting among the leaders. The spokesman said he did not know when Carter would return to the United States.

Begin said he would fly home on Wednesday to prepare for "the memorable visit."

While expressing optimism, the Israeli Prime Minister noted in an appearance before members of the U.S. House of Representatives that a Middle East peace seemed at hand several times previously but was not achieved.

"The world was happy and then came the disappointment," Begin said.

The White House announcement marked another upturn in peace prospects after a long siege of gloom.

Egypt and Israel have been

stalemated since November over the future of the Palestinians and other controversial issues surrounding the treaty.

After a series of meetings between Carter and Begin beginning last Thursday, the

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apparently eased the Yemen war and Riyadh seemed to be responding favorably to Lebanon's appeals to call off the withdrawal decision.

"The Saudi forces will remain in Lebanon pending contacts with Saudi Arabia," said Hoss in a statement to local newspapers. He was referring to talks in Kuwait between Lebanese Foreign Minister Foad Butros and Saudi officials. Butros held a meeting with Saudi Foreign

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Yemen fighting continues

Arab ministers hold more talks

By Muhammad Annan Arab News Correspondent

KUWAIT, March 5 — The Arab League Council began its second session on the Yemen border war Monday night with sources predicting that foreign ministers at the meeting would agree on a Syrian-Iraqi plan to end the conflict.

The plan calls for an immediate ceasefire, complete withdrawal of troops from the two countries and the formation of a political committee to implement the first two steps.

In addition, the plan calls for the formation of a military committee composed of representatives of Syria, Iraq and Jordan to oversee the ceasefire.

The two Yemeni delegations each submitted separate proposals to the council meeting which indicate that they are still far apart on the issues which have divided them.

South Yemen called for immediate unification of the two countries. But North Yemen-Foreign Minister Abdullah Asag told "Arab News" that unification should be left to the people of the countries and not their governments.

"We have a half million South Yemeni exiles in the North," he said.

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might withdraw the troops to help defend its borders in view of the fighting in nearby Yemen. The sources said the Saudis have "responded favorably" to the suggestion. (See story, this page).

Iraqi foreign minister Sa'doon Hammadi, told reporters that the plan was submitted by his country, Jordan and Syria at Monday's three-hour emergency meeting of the council in which he said some progress was made.

Dr. Hammadi said the proposals, almost identical to Saudi Arabian peace plan announced last week, called for immediate withdrawal of the two countries' forces behind their borders and an immediate ceasefire.

They also called on the two Yemeni states to accept an Arab League commission which would supervise implementation of any agreement reached in bilateral talks between the feuding countries.

Sultan Ahmed Omar, head of the Aden-based Nationalist Democratic Front which is opposed to the North Yemen government, arrived in Kuwait Sunday night to present his organization's views on the conflict.

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Waldheim lauds Baroody for dedication, eloquence

UNITED — NATIONS March 5 (AP) — Jamil Baroody, dean of United Nations Diplomats who died in New York Sunday, was born in Souk el-Gharb, Lebanon, in 1905. He had headed the Saudi U.N. mission since 1947.

He took the post after serving as Lebanon's commissioner general for the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair and teaching during World War at Princeton University in New Jersey.

He had studied at the American University in Beirut and combined further education in London with pro-Arab activities. He had contributed articles and verse to various publications and was once adviser to

the Arabic edition of the Literary Digest.

Though a Lebanese Christian serving Islamic monarchs, Baroody spoke here with freedom and boldness shown by few other U.N. ambassadors.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim cabled condolences to King Khalid and, in a separate statement, credited Baroody with serving here "longer than any other national representative."

Waldheim said Baroody's "wit, eloquence and immense fund of knowledge" and his participation in all aspects of U.N. work had made him one of his "best loved personalities."

"If his frankness was sometimes disconcerting," Waldheim said, "his humor and natural kindness easily balanced it."

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Iranian oil exports back on stream

KHARG ISLAND, Iran, March 5 (Agencies) — A 10-week freeze on Iranian oil exports caused by the country's revolution ended formally Monday when a tanker began loading at this Gulf terminal.

National Iranian Oil Company chief Hassan Nazih pressed a button to start the flow of oil and then told reporters Iran would in future produce between two and three million barrels a day, compared with the pre-revolution peak of 6.5 million barrel.

NIOC said Iran's present output was 1.7 million barrels a day — one million barrels more than the country's internal needs.

The day chosen, perhaps with a sense of history, was the 12th anniversary of the death of Prime Minister Muhammad Mossadegh, who staged a coup against the Shah in 1953. Before he was deposed, Mossadegh nationalized the oil companies operating in Iran.

The first tanker to begin loading was the World Ambassador, which will take a consignment of 200,000 tons of crude to Japan.

Nazih presented the captain of the Liberian-registered ship, Yukio Iwata, with an autographed portrait of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to mark the occasion.

When the NIOC chief first pressed the button to release the oil, nothing happened and experts had to be summoned for a hasty check of the equipment. After five minutes, Nazih had a second go and there was a deafening roar as the oil started pouring through a pipeline.



OIL EXPORT RESUMED: Iranian oil workers open a valve of Tehran refinery Monday while the revolutionary guards demonstrate joy over the resumption of oil export after a 70-day export shutdown. (AP wirephoto)

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Flour/Wheat 25500
Maize —
Barley —
Rice 5991
Sugar 14984
Tea —
Other Foods 8964
Fruit 1051
Chicken 255
Meat 2491
Eggs —
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs: 59236

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
Cement 30341
Steel 25920
Timber 12354
General Building Materials 11048
Sub-Total for Construction Materials: 79663

3. VEHICLES
Vehicles in Number 136
Vehicles in Tons 530

4. LIVESTOCK
Number of Head 33175 7515
5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO 87766

TOTAL DISCHARGED:
(A) 234710 Tons Cargo
(B) 163 Vehicles in Number
(C) 33175 Head of Livestock

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COMMODITY FREIGHT TONS DISCHARGED

1. FOODSTUFFS
Flour/Wheat 10,461
Maize 36
Rice 9,643
Sugar —
Tea 684
Various Foodstuffs 61,156
Fruit 15,840
Poultry 3,396
Meat 2,559
Eggs 720
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs: 104,495

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
Cement 112,776
Steel 20,561
Timber 20,946
General Building Materials 84,787
Sub-Total for Construction Materials: 239,070

3. VEHICLES
Vehicles in Number 3,017
Vehicles in Tons 36,704

4. LIVESTOCK
Number of Head 30,125
5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO 127,814

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(C) 30,125 Head of Livestock

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Planners call for ministers' meeting

RIYADH, March 4 (SPA) — Planners from seven Arabian Peninsula countries at a meeting here Monday called an urgent conference of planning ministers on coordination in social and economic aspects of development policy.

A technical committee on cooperation, which wound up a three day meeting at the Planning Ministry here Monday, called for the conference next month.

The meeting was attended by planners from Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, North Yemen and Oman and was opened by Dr. Faisal Basir, the Saudi deputy planning minister.

The committee, has prepared a working paper to be submitted to the proposed conference. The paper defines basic principles, common objectives and policies and various phases for improved coordination.

The announcement of the proposed conference follows remarks by Dr. Basir Saturday that competition and duplication between Gulf countries in certain projects and industries was causing "major social and economic problems".

The working paper concentrates particularly on improved social and economic cooperation, officials said.

The committee meetings were chaired by Abdul Razeq Al-Otaibi, director of social services at the Ministry of Planning and head of the committee.



SASH: Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer presenting South Korean Vice President Duk Wn-nam with the King Abdul Aziz Star for services to economic cooperation Sunday.

For Jubail, Yanbu works

Commission holds seminar on costs

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — The Secretariat General of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu organized a seminar on cost assessment at the Ministry of Planning and economy here Monday.

Liberia mission views oil supply

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — A senior Liberian delegation led by the minister of finance and mining and the chairman of the country's oil refinery arrived here Monday on a short visit.

On arrival, the delegation met with Ali Al-Rubaishi, deputy governor of Petromin for supervision and coordination.

The two sides discussed supplies of petroleum.

Royal Commission Secretary General Farouk Akhdar, addressing the seminar said cost estimates were vital to the preparation of workable correct plans for the two industrial complexes.

The seminar covered illustrations of the master plans and breakdowns of the cost of residential areas and public facilities including transport, project and budget costing and detailed notes on current efforts to improve the accuracy of cost estimates.

Akhdar told SPA that the aim of the seminar was to train technical supervisors in estimating costs and assessing volumes in commission projects.

He added that the seminar attached great significance to the training of Saudi technicians in all government departments, must assess their own projects

without recourse to consultancy companies," he said.

The seminar is the latest of a series organized by the commission's secretariat general, he said.

The contribution of Indonesian firms in infrastructure work at Jubail and Yanbu was discussed at length Monday by Akhdar and visiting Indonesian Minister of Works Dr. Bernomo Sidi.

The Indonesian Minister arrived here Saturday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia.

In Riyadh paper

Khaddam sees hope for Arabs from Iran, Syrian-Iraqi amity

RIYADH, March 5 — The attitude of Iran's new leaders to Israel and the new cordiality in relations between Syria and Iraq are "satisfactory and reassuring omens" for the Middle East, according to Syrian Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

In an interview published Monday by "Al-Jazirah" newspaper Khaddam said that Syria's President Assad and Iraqi President Bakr would meet shortly to sign an agreement to merge institutions in the two countries.

The new relationship was announced at the Baghdad summit of Arab leaders last November, convened by Iraq to coordinate the Arab position on moves toward a peace settlement between Egypt and Israel. Saudi Arabia joined with other Arab countries at Baghdad in expressing serious reservations about the peace process.

At the same time, Khaddam told the Riyadh newspaper that relations between Syria and Jordan and Saudi Arabia remained "natural and good." He pointed to a complete identity of views between Saudi Arabia and Syria "regarding the dangers confronting the Arab world."

Referring to the Baghdad summit and the Arab foreign ministers' conference now be-

ing held in Kuwait Khaddam said that the Arab world was now "in a position to face epoch-making challenges."

On the Kuwait meeting, called to contain a flare-up on the border of North and South Yemen, Khaddam said that "the conference will be able to eliminate the effects of the conflict on the Arab world as a whole."

He stressed that the crucial question now was a united front against the Zionist enemy in Israel — and he welcomed the recent statement by the Iranian leaders that Iran now considered itself a confrontation state.

Turning to other areas of conflict in the Middle East, Khaddam said that Syria had no part in the disorder in Lebanon. "Ninety per cent of Lebanese are agreed on the importance of national unity and reject cooperation with Israel," he said and expressed hope that some form of political reconciliation would materialize soon. "Every effort toward this must be encouraged," Khaddam said.

Mecca body calls parley on occupied holy places

JEDDAH, March 5 — The World Muslim League has invited ministers of endowments and religious affairs of 42 Islamic countries to meet in Mecca from March 20 through 23 to discuss the alleged desecrations of the Aqsa Mosque, the Prophet Abraham's Mosque and other Islamic holy places in occupied Palestine.

The conference will also consider information programs on Jerusalem during the Pilgrimage in Mecca, and will hold a general discussion on the mosque in Islamic society, League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Harakan told "Arab News" Monday.

Harakan flew to Karachi Monday to congratulate President Zia-ul-Haq on recent new measures to enforce the Sharia, "the only panacea for the ills of the modern age."

Li, who arrived here Monday from Dhahran, is a member of Taiwan's National Security Council and has visited the Kingdom twice before as minister of finance.



China's K.T. Li

Finance minister sees China aide

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil conferred here Monday with K.T. Li, a minister of state of the Republic of China.

Talks dealt with finance and economic cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, deputy finance minister for economic affairs.

Li, who arrived here Monday from Dhahran, is a member of Taiwan's National Security Council and has visited the Kingdom twice before as minister of finance.

Li is also expected to hold talks with officials of the Ministry of Interior. He was met on arrival in Riyadh by Ibrahim Al-Awaji, deputy interior minister and Dr. Turki.

The Chinese minister, who started his visit Sunday, is accompanied by the director of the China Institute of Economics and a number of other Chinese officials.

Hopeful over new government

Mauritania seeking Algerian ties

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — The present situation in West Africa is not suitable for discussion of the Western Sahara problem, but Mauritania is ready to hold talks with the parties involved "at any time or place". Mauritanian Foreign Minister Sheikhna Ould Al-Azqaf said in a statement to "Al-Medina" Monday.

Talks on the future of the former Spanish colony should wait for "the formation of a new government in Algeria", after the death of President Boumedienne two months ago.

A new Algerian government could create "a real impetus for peace in the region", Azqaf said.

The Algerian-backed Polisario Front is fighting for the independence of the former colony, which was absorbed by Morocco and Mauritania with the departure of the Spanish administration four years ago. The front recently claimed in Algiers it had scored major successes against Moroccan forces.

Mauritania has called for a referendum of the Saharans under Mauritanian protection.

but the Polisario has rejected the proposal, he said.

"We shall soon establish diplomatic relations with Algeria as a first step toward improving the relations and creating a climate for a meeting between the two presidents on the problems," Azqaf said.

But the Mauritanian foreign minister said that military coordination still existed with Morocco, whose forces would withdraw from training Mauritanian armed forces some time during the course of this year, he said.

The minister denied recent reports of internal disturbances in Mauritania, and said there was nothing that called for concern as regards its unity.

Jeddah women's Pakistan Day awarded medal

JEDDAH, March 5 — The Pakistan's Ladies Association has been awarded a gold medal for its organizing a show of Pakistani arts, crafts, customs and costumes here Thursday, the Pakistan Embassy said.

Over 800 Saudi, expatriate and Pakistani women saw a variety of programs in three hours. The show was held to help the Women's Welfare Organization of Jeddah raise funds for its own building.

The day was presided over by Princess Mishael elder daughter of late King Faisal.

The main feature of the show was a display of Pakistan's traditional and modern dresses and costumes, handicrafts, and national songs. A tableau vivant of marriage customs was also presented.

Majed lets sewers

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has awarded the contract for the sewage and storm water disposal project in Abha to an international company, it was announced here Monday. The SR 230 million project is to be completed in three years.

Scots model to visit here



MIRROR BOX: This titanium mirror box, designed by Kathleen Thomson, is one of the items Scots fashion model, Jean Hatton, was to bring to Saudi Arabia. It sells for 132 pounds.

JEDDAH, March 5 — Scotland's first fashion model to visit Saudi Arabia was due here Monday, the British Embassy in Jeddah has announced. Miss Jean Hatton will be visiting Jeddah as the guest of the British ambassador and Lady Wilton, Riyadh and

Dhahran where Aramco representatives will take her on a tour of its installations.

Miss Hatton will be modeling jewelry from Scotland as well as such Scots materials as light wools, cashmere and mohair.

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To Kurdistan

Barzani taken home for burial

KARAJ, Iran, March 5 (R)—The body of Kurdish resistance leader Mustafa Barzani was taken Monday for burial at Iran's western border with Iraq.

Weeping Kurdish women broke into cries of "Barzani is not dead" and "the Kurdish people are not dead" as two Iranian Air Force helicopters carrying the remains took off.

Barzani, who led a fierce struggle for Kurdish independence, died of lung cancer in Washington March 2, the age of 76.

His body was flown back to Iran Sunday night and taken to his son's white-columned residence at this town 40 kilometers east of Tehran for a wake.

He was due to be buried later today at the border town of Shmooch in northwestern Iran, overlooking the site of his last battles against the Baghdad government in 1975.

The Kurdish clan chief's Pesh Merga guerrillas, wearing their distinctive red turbans, raised a cry of "long live Barzani" and the Shah is the enemy of our people," as the general's coffin was carried out, draped in the green banner of Islam.

It was the withdrawal of the Shah's support for Barzani's anti-Iraq rebellion which brought the last great Kurdish rising to an end in March 1975, forcing thousands of Kurds to flee into Iran.

The Shah disarmed and sent the Iraqi Kurds and Barzani into exile in the United States when he realized his dream of Kurdish freedom had shattered.

Following the overthrow of Shah last month, Barzani came back to Iran, leading the very flight which eventually brought back Kurdish men their traditional baggy trousers and women in flowing red, yellow and black skirts Monday performed a funeral dance, circling and slowly stamping their feet in groups of three or four as they waited for their lost leader.

Barzani's eldest son, Edris, led the group of family members, all of whom wore black Western-style clothes except for two small children in traditional tribal costumes.

Women beat their heads with their hands as they repeatedly moaned the name of their hero: "Barzani. Barzani. Barzani."

Most of the Kurds who came to Karaj from all over Iran were Iraqi refugees. About 1,000 members of the Barzani clan live in a refugee camp outside Karaj.

Several thousand Kurds, including 60 carloads of Pesh Merga guerrillas armed with revolvers, left for Oshnavieh in a long convoy in the middle of the night. Hundreds who stayed behind slept anywhere they could find shelter — many of them huddled on garage floors — as the temperature dropped below freezing point.

The return of Barzani's body comes at a time when the weakening of central government control after the Iranian revolution has fired Iran's Kurdish minority with new hopes. For the first time in decades, the Kurds have managed to get arms in massive quantities, seizing thousands of weapons from military armories.

Although Barzani fought against the Shah under the short-lived independent Kurdish Republic of Mahabad at the end of World War II, his association with the Iranian monarch in the anti-Iraqi revolution nearly 30 years later earned him the hatred of many Iranian Kurds.

The Iranian opposition to the Shah has long painted Barzani as a stooge of the United States because of the support the Central Intelligence Agency gave to the 1972-1975 Kurdish uprising.

In an interview published in the Tehran English-language daily "Kayhan International" Monday, a prominent Iranian Kurdish religious leader warned the government that, if necessary, the Kurds would fight to secure their rights.

Sheikh Ezzeddin Hosseini, the religious leader of Mahabad, who is also widely regarded as the political chief of the Kurdish autonomy movement, said, "If the government of (Prime Minister Mehdi) Bazargan, or any other government which succeeds it, does not heed the demands of the Kurdish people and others, the two forces will fight together until they are victorious."

He said the Kurdish struggle would try to avoid bloodshed and would be mainly fought on diplomatic lines. "But in any case, we will continue our struggle until we free the Kurdish people from national injustice."

Mount Sinai Bible work progressing, monks say

TEL AVIV, March 5 (AP)—Greek Orthodox monks at Mount Sinai say they are making progress in cataloguing and preserving ancient manuscripts discovered three years ago, including a fragment of one of the oldest texts of the Bible.

Heading a "selective list" of the manuscripts published by St. Catherine's Monastery is the notation: 13 folios, or pages, plus 15 fragments from the Codex Sinaiticus, a Fourth century text which was the oldest known copy of the Bible until the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In 1975, monks at St. Catherine's found a large trove of ancient documents when they knocked down a wall, and Bible scholars in Europe and

America urged that they be allowed to examine and microfilm the manuscripts, heralded as the most important find since the Dead Sea Scrolls.

But the monks turned to their home country, and Athens sent experts from the National Library to make the first classification and preservation of the documents. Disappointed scholars elsewhere complained that the monks were hoarding a find that could be damaged in a future war between Israel and Egypt.

St. Catherine's Monastery is in the Israeli occupied part of the Sinai Peninsula, on the mountain where some traditions hold that the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses.



TOGETHERNESS: Sgt. Kenneth Kraus, center, the marine guard recently released from Iran after his capture at the American Embassy, smiles with his mother and fiancée.

U.S. suit over arms for Libya may end with civil settlement

By a Staff Reporter
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 5 — A Justice Department investigation of the alleged illegal sale of military equipment to Libya by the Smith & Wesson firearms company is expected to end in a civil settlement rather than criminal prosecution, department officials confirmed here.

Negotiations between Smith & Wesson and the government are now under way, the officials said, adding that the Justice Department is seeking a \$120,000 dollar civil penalty from the firm.

The case centers on an alleged sale of advanced night-vision equipment to Libya in 1974.

Smith & Wesson had requested a State Department export license for the sale in March of that year, but was turned down, official sources said.

The Justice Department has indirect channels through Europe. Smith & Wesson was licensed to sell the surveillance devices to Germany and France, and allegedly made use of these licenses to transport the equipment out of the United States.

Government prosecutors originally sought a criminal indictment against Smith & Wesson when the case was presented to a federal grand jury in Boston in 1976.

But the Justice Department has apparently changed its mind. Some sources said the government lacked sufficient evidence to prosecute.

Smith & Wesson's parent company, Bangor Punta Corp., insists the firm was guilty of no wrongdoing. But a spokesman for Bangor Punta said the company was "agreeable" to a civil settlement along the lines proposed by the Justice Department.

The United States government refuses to allow sales of military equipment to Libya because of that country's support for "terrorist groups and activities."

Fateh reports rail blast success

BEIRUT, March 5 (AP) — Fateh has claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railroad line.

In a Damascus datelined dispatch the official Palestine news agency Wafa said Sunday an "underground squad of the Palestinian commando movement's interior forces acting in side occupied Palestine planted several explosive charges on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railroad line before dawn Sunday."

"One of the charges exploded on time as a Jerusalem-bound train drove on it. A carriage was completely destroyed and several enemies were killed and wounded."

"Half an hour later another charge exploded in the same area, killing an Israeli sapper who was trying to defuse it," the agency said. "The group that planted the bomb 'returned safely to its base inside occupied Palestine.'"

Israeli gunners later shelled the Palestinian refugee camp of Khashidiya in Southern Lebanon, Lebanese provincial sources reported.

They said the 15-minute barrage left two Palestinians injured and damaged few houses in the camp, 95 kilometers south of Beirut.

Mauritania aide reveals Algeria talks on Sahara

BEIRUT, March 5 (R)—A Mauritania presidential adviser was quoted here Monday as saying he had met Algerian Foreign Minister Abdel Aziz Bouteflika to try to resolve the dispute over the western Sahara.

Algeria backs the Polisario front, whose guerrillas are fighting for the independence of the Saharan territory a former Spanish colony divided between Morocco and Mauritania in 1976.

In an interview with the Lebanese daily "An-Nahar" in Kuwait, Cheikha Ould Mu-

hammad Laghdaf said that after contacts with the Algerian government and the Polisario, Mauritania had given the Saharans the right to self-determination in the area it administered.

Laghdaf, Mauritania minister of state at the presidency, did not say when or where he met Bouteflika.

Israeli newsmen for TV, radio plan to strike

TEL AVIV, March 5 (AP) — Sanctions by journalists in the state-run Israeli radio limited hourly news reports to local news coverage Sunday, and the television's evening news roundup was canceled.

The broadcast newsmen are demanding that Begin's government grant them the same wage scales as newspaper journalists, whose contracts call for a 37 per cent increase over two years.

Average salaries for radio and television personnel are from \$789 to \$897 for positions ranging from production personnel to photographers and correspondents.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut general labor federation's Executive Council called for a general warning strike to protest the Begin government's failure to slow Israel's high rate of inflation, which rose by 40 per cent last year.

A spokesman for the Histadrut, which represents some 90 per cent of Israel's 900,000 salaried workers, said the Executive Council authorized the union's Central Committee to decide on the date and duration of the strike. The strike, which will be non-compulsory, is expected to involve employees in all but essential services, said spokesman Shmuel Soler.

Prince Philip leaves Turkey for Moscow

ISTANBUL, March 5 (R) — The Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth, left Turkey on a private trip to Moscow Monday after a one-night stop over at the end of the royal couple's Gulf tour.

The Duke arrived here Sunday from Baghdad while the Queen flew back to England.

British Embassy officials said he was visiting Moscow in connection with equestrian events at next year's Olympic Games in the Soviet capital.

The Duke left aboard a special flight at 9 am which was due to refuel in Kiev on its way to Moscow.

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Paris facelift aimed at Elysee

Chirac cleaning path to presidency

PARIS, March 5 (AP) — Mayor Jacques Chirac, with an eye toward polishing his own political image, has ordered a facelift for Paris, prompting the French press to dub him "monsieur clean."

The veteran Gaullist leader and former prime minister who makes no secret of his ambitions for France's presidential elections in 1981, last week announced plans to clean up Paris sidewalks, create a permanent bird market, set aside special walls for graffiti, and sculpt a park over the excavation that once was the celebrated city center market, Les Halles.

At the same time, he insulted his erstwhile ally President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing by joining forces with the left to demand a special session of the National Assembly on the nation's deteriorating steel crisis.

"Chirac's new offensive," headlined the weekly "L'Express" in its Monday edition. And in an article headlined "Monsieur Clean," the daily "Le Monde" clicked, "Monsieur Chirac proves... He is able to pass from lofty domestic political questions to the urgencies of municipal hygiene," including "soaping the sidewalks of the Elysee Palace."

Chirac's offensive comes amid opinion polls showing that France's 53 million people are increasingly dissatisfied with the leadership of Giscard and Premier Raymond Barre, the former economics professor who came to power after Chirac was ousted in August 1976.

Much of the government's sliding fortunes can be traced to Barre's ambitious plan to overhaul France's long ailing steel industry to make it more competitive with Japan and France's Common Market partners.

The prime minister lifted three decades of price controls

and slashed government subsidies to weaker companies, threatening the industry with a projected 35,000 layoffs by 1981 and touching off six months of increasingly violent demonstrations by France's major trade unions.

Chirac has rushed into the breach with a sharp attack on the government's support for a more united Europe and with a strongly nationalistic appeal reminiscent of his mentor, the late Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Hinting he might even pull his Rally for the Republic Party out of the ruling center-right coalition, Chirac last week accused the government of allowing the economic crisis to force the "abdication of the state, and hence reason, will and democracy."

In a radio interview Sunday night, Chirac warned the president not to block his call for a special National Assembly session to create a parliamentary commission on unemployment. Giscard, just back from Mexico, is to decide on the session this week. "It is indisputable that the economic situation, with its social consequences, is very grave," Chirac said. "It would be inadvisable, in this difficult period, to allow the debate to unfurl in the streets."

With a "Le Figaro" poll giving Chirac the confidence of only 29 per cent of his countrymen, the mayor unveiled his new proposals with elaborate fanfare designed to convince Parisians he cares as much about their city as he does about his own political future.

His proposals have been well received. Many Parisians are also relieved to hear the mayor is contemplating a crackdown on dog pollution, which was a major topic of conversation when New York Mayor Edward Koch visited Chirac last year.



Treed: Helicopters recently plucked six Fort Bragg North Carolina soldiers from tree limbs where they had clung for 25 hours above the raging New River. (AP photo)

U.S. nuclear group faces \$11.5 million negligence lawsuit

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. March 5 (AP) — Jury selection was to begin Monday in the trial of an 11.5 million dollar lawsuit alleging that nuclear worker Kareo Silkwood was contaminated with plutonium as a result of negligence by the Kerr-McGee Corp.

The case has drawn national attention and Ms. Silkwood, who was killed in a car wreck in 1974 has become somewhat of a martyr to some opponents of nuclear power.

Relatives of Ms. Silkwood, who was 28 when she died, filed the lawsuit.

The lawyers say that since Ms. Silkwood was active in the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, the plutonium contamination of her apartment may have been caused intentionally by Kerr-McGee. The company has repeatedly denied the allegation.

The young woman was an employee at the now closed Kerr-McGee Nuclear fuel rods manufacturing facility near Crescent at the time of her death. The rods are used in nuclear reactors.

Kerr-McGee attorneys have argued that any personal injury Ms. Silkwood sustained was caused by her own negligence and she may have smuggled plutonium from the plant and contaminated herself to dramatize her allegations that the plant was unsafe.

Ms. Silkwood was killed in a car wreck on Nov. 13, 1974. At the time of the wreck, she was reportedly en route to meet a "New York Times" reporter to discuss alleged safety problems at the Kerr-McGee nuclear plant.

Silkwood attorneys have alleged that the documents the woman was planning to show to the reporter disappeared from her auto. They also have said that Kerr-McGee may have contaminated Ms. Silkwood's

apartment with plutonium excise to cooler and scan the documents before her. A day before her fatal accident on Nov. 13, 1974, Silkwood returned to Oklahoma from government laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico where it was confirmed as internally contaminated plutonium.

She had been found to be laminated in a routine examination at work on Monday and two days later the source of the plutonium was traced to an apartment, where radiologists found in her bathroom, a and on refrigerated food was then flown to Los Alamos for further tests.

The Atomic Energy Commission and other federal investigators never found the plutonium found in her apartment.

Lawyers expect the case to take as long as six weeks, list of nearly 100 witnesses including several nuclear experts, schedule called.

Cesar Chavez lettuce strike due to spread

EL CENTRO, Calif. — The United Farm Workers have shifted their lettuce northward with leader Chavez scheduled to rally in Oxnard's Barrio quest for 40 per cent increases.

With the harvest coming in the Imperial Valley where strikers have battled efforts for 45 days UFW is spreading its last week, Chavez calls out in San Luis Arizona union official said there be strikes at farm Blythe, on the California border, movie week.

"We're moving to where vegetable growers of them already stand operations," said Chavez aide Marc Grossman. Oxnard is about 320 kilometers north of El Centro. The move comes after setbacks on Saturday in county. Superior Court Don Work limited to number of pickets at the valley — where 95 of the nation's winter supply is grown.

In his efforts to intensify lettuce protest, Chavez announced a boycott against growers, Sunharvest, Inc. The strike began Jan. California and Arizona. seen sporadic violence, in the shooting death of one

Carter approves unit for reelection funding

WASHINGTON, March 5 (R) — President Carter has approved the creation of a committee to begin raising money for his expected re-election campaign, White House officials have confirmed.

Carter has yet to announce formally his candidacy for the 1980 election, but is expected to do so later this year.

The formation of a campaign committee is aimed at fulfilling the technical requirement of filing with the Federal Election Commission in about two weeks. Officials said Sunday Evan Doherty, the Democratic Party treasurer, would soon be put in charge of setting up the campaign committee staff and overseeing its operations.

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polls generally indicate that Carter may have a difficult time winning re-election to his second term.

The "Los Angeles Times" said Sunday he had not been a good president and was "in real trouble."

An editorial entitled "A President under siege" said "the American people trust Carter and sense his basic decency. But they want to see his design for the future. Until he can show it to them, he will continue to be in serious trouble and the doubts and the doubters will keep crowding in."

At the edge of the universe

Black hole said devouring star a week

SYDNEY, March 5 (AP) — Astronomers using the Anglo-Australian optical telescope in the Australian outback have found what they believe is a massive black hole in space which is devouring stars at the rate of one a week.

"It's possibly the most energetic object ever discovered," said Dr. Alan Wright of the Anglo-Australian Observatory at Siding Springs, 320 kilometers west of Sydney.

"It is about a million light years away and is probably 100 million light years across," he said.

Wright said Siding Springs astronomers had been asked by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts, to train the four-meter telescope on sources detected by the new orbiting X-ray observatory known

as Head B, or the Einstein Observatory.

"We have the best optical telescope in the world and we found three sources from the accurate positions given by the Americans," he said.

The discovery of three X-ray quasars, or quasi-stellar objects, doubled the known number of these objects in one night.

"The Americans are elated," he said. "The furthest object is on the edge of the universe and is an incredibly energetic phenomenon. Everything we know seems to tell us it is very, very far away but seems to be very bright. We don't know of any energy generating source that can compare. Thermonuclear energy pales into insignificance."

Wright said the object could be a giant black hole

eating up stars and converting them into energy.

Black holes have never been proved to exist, but are theoretically described as being individual stars which have collapsed, forming objects so dense that no light can escape. A mailbox full of the material would weigh billions of tons.

Wright explained the apparent contradiction between a black hole which gave off no light and the light coming

from the newly discovered source.

"You could say it might come from the last dying scream of a star before it goes into the black hole, which is at the same time giving off fantastic X-ray radiation," he said.

"The object is intrinsically one of the brightest in the heavens, or in other words, if all the objects were the same distance away from us, it would appear to be one of the brightest."

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Voyager 1 ever closer to soaring past Jupiter

PASADENA, Calif. March 5 (AP) — Voyager 1, revealing still richer and more spectacular details of Jupiter's colorful surface and strange moons, raced Sunday towards its historic encounter with the giant planet.

One space scientist said the long-awaited spectacle should be "one of the most memorable days in planetary exploration." The unmanned spacecraft, launched in September 1977, was to pass within 173,000 miles of Jupiter's swirling cloud cover Monday.

Excited scientists say the ship's cameras will show them features as small as five miles across.

Planetary geologist Larry Soderblom told a Sunday news conference at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here "The rate at which we are learning things is awe-inspiring."

A major part of the Voyager mission involves the four largest of Jupiter's 13 moons. As it leaves the planet, Voyager is to swing close by those planet-sized moons that, in pictures released Sunday, showed dazzling and curious colors.

The closest moon, Io, is a reddish-orange globe with yellowish highlights, a few dark regions and a strange feature that may prove to be an immense crater.

The next moon out from Jupiter is Europa, which looks like a pale, golden jewel with long brownish streaks reaching horizontally across it.

Then comes Ganymede, the largest of the moons. Its bright, bronze-colored surface is crisscrossed with streaks and swirls and sparkling patches. Finally, there is Callisto, a dark, brownish object speckled with bright spots that may be meteor craters.

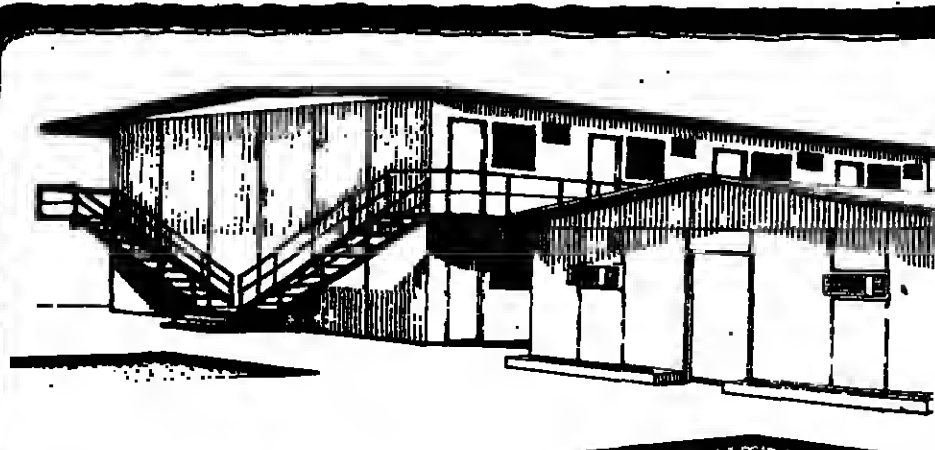
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration mission lost about four hours of Voyager data Saturday to bad weather and fine-tuning problems at two earth-bound tracking stations. But NASA said the problems seemed to have been solved and the mission was again going smoothly.

After passing Jupiter at about 81,000 mph Monday, Voyager 1 will begin a 20-month cruise to distant Saturn. A sistership, Voyager 2, has a similar itinerary.

The Voyagers are following a trail blazed by two American spacecraft, Pioneer 10 and 11, which reconnoitered Jupiter in 1973 and 1974. One of them, Pioneer 11, will be Earth's first emissary to Saturn this September.

The Voyager mission builds on the Pioneers' exploration. NASA says the more sophisticated Voyager cameras and instruments surpassed the best of the Pioneer results weeks ago.

Voyager 1's television eyes were opened in January and its pictures of Jupiter have become increasingly spectacular.



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Broken wrist, Briton strip brave Italian of ring title

SAN REMO, Italy March 5 (R) — A weeping Rocky Marciano of Italy Mooday night conceded his world light-middweight boxing title to Britain's Maurice Hope after fighting for eight rounds with a broken wrist.

Martelli, 26, insisted on fighting on after injuring his right wrist in the opening seconds of the match, when he fell awkwardly after taking a punch from West Indian-born, 27. His corner eventually threw in the towel after eight painful rounds.

Martelli, who learnt his trade in Australia, taken to a hospital immediately after the fight and returned with his right wrist encased in plaster.

Hope paid tribute to his opponent after the fight for the World Boxing Council light-middweight crown saying: "He's a brave man. I never knew it was broken, but I would have won anyway."



NEW CHAMP: Maurice Hope

round bout.

"But I wanted to fight" said a disconsolate Martelli when he returned from the hospital.

"I could have beaten him but I only had one hand and he had two," said Martelli.

The technical knockout decision was booed by the partisan crowd of 2,500 who packed a circus tent in this gambling town.

Martelli's purse was worth more than 100,000 dollars and the new champion pocketed nearly 65,000 dollars.

Italian hopes for a swift rematch were dampened by the exultant British camp. "We had to wait nearly two years for a crack at Martelli's title and now it's his turn to wait," said Ray Clark of the Board of Boxing Control.

Martelli did well to stay in the reckoning until his forced retirement.

Hope started more aggressively and got at least four of first six rounds.

But Martelli, in an all — or — nothing attempt to land one of his big punches, rallied bravely to take the seventh by a hand-some margin.

"I LShim come in the seventh, I wanted to see what he had left," said Hope, whose stylish ringwork repeatedly found holes in Martelli's defense.

"If he hadn't retired I would have finished him by the tenth," Hope added.

Holiday prospect makes Suns shine brightest yet

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — One look at the calendar told Phoenix coach John MacLeod how to perk his team up. There's nothing like the prospect of a couple of days off in March to spark a pro basketball player's enthusiasm, so that's what MacLeod gave the Suns.

The Suns romped past the Philadelphia 76ers, 119-94, Sunday night before a national television audience, shot 50 per cent from the field, forced 38 Philadelphia turnovers and made 20 steals.

"This was by far our best game," said Adams who contributed 23 points "to the Phoenix

attack. "I don't think there are many teams who are going to beat us if we play like we played today."

Elsewhere in the National Basketball Association, the Denver Nuggets rallied to defeat the Los Angeles Lakers, 113-99, the Washington Bullets ripped the San Antonio Spurs, 129-128; the Golden State Warriors edged the Kansas City Kings, 111-110, in overtime, the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Houston Rockets, 119-109, the Portland Trail Blazers trimmed the Cleveland Cavaliers 106-102 and the Milwaukee Bucks outscored the Boston Celtics, 135-122.

Villanova wins again

PRINCETON, New Jersey, March 5 (AP) — Powerful Villanova University breezed to its third straight ICAA track and Field Championship Sunday, capturing six of the 12 track events to outdistance Maryland by 21 points.



DEATH THREAT: This picture, taken of Swedish tennis player Bjorn Borg during an excursion to the Dead Sea in Nov. 78, was mailed last Thursday to the Swedish News Agency with the caption "Red Brigades Death Sentence Bjorn Borg." Borg, who said he put on the Israeli Army jacket at the photographer's request, shrugged off the threat but cancelled planned performances in Sweden.

For 2nd time Connors overcomes Ashe in thrilling Memphis final

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 5 (AP) — Top-ranked Jimmy Connors defeated veteran Arthur Ashe for the second time in a final this year, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, Sunday to win his fifth U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship.

Connors thus tied the record for five major indoor titles ever won by one player.

Ashe was again denied the only major U.S. title he has never won.

Five weeks ago, Connors defeated Ashe in another tense, three-setter in the U.S. Pro Indoor at Philadelphia.

The entire match was close. In the first set they exchanged service breaks in the first and fourth games and again in the fifth and sixth. But Connors broke again in the seventh despite strong serving by Ashe, then held service for 5-3.

Connors ran up a 40-0 lead in the 10th game of that set. Ashe stayed off set point with a cross-court, but Connors won on an overhead cross-court.

The middle set started similarly with Connors breaking serve in the first game. Ashe got it back for 3-3. They struggled evenly through the next five games.

In the 12th game of the second set, Ashe had three set points. He blew the first one with an unforced error off the backhand. Connors saved himself on the next set point with a forehand approach shot, but Ashe succeeded on his next chance with a backhand service return down the line.

The tide turned in the third set as Connors broke again in the third game.

Games stayed with service through the eighth game, but Ashe won only six points against Connors' serve.

With Ashe serving in the final game, Connors reached match point, 15-40, with a backhand down the line. He ended it in typical fashion on the next point, whipping his service return, past the rushing Ashe, to the sideline.

Connors won \$40,000 minus a \$250 fine for an obscene gesture earlier.

Luescher clear as U.S. skier is injured

LAKE PLACID, New York, March 5 (AP) — Petter Luescher, a bashful, 23-year-old Swiss ski racer, almost certainly will be the 1979 World Cup champion, but he doesn't particularly like the way he did it.

"The victory would have been far better if Phil Mahre were here," Luescher said.

The reason Mahre won't be there is a left ankle he broke in Sunday's World Cup giant slalom ending his season and his chances of becoming the first American to win World Cup.

"Dammit, I think I broke my leg," were the first words the 21-year-old from Washington State said after the fall.

"He had, in more than two pieces and he was due to undergo surgery Monday in California. Surgeon Dr. Richard Steadman, the U.S. ski team's chief physician was optimistic of full recovery.

But Mahre's coach Frank Tauber said "You don't have too many chances in a lifetime to win the World Cup. He has a chance next year, but there are so many variables."

"It's never fun to win because someone else has an accident," said defending World Cup champion Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden, the winner of Sunday's giant slalom. "I have been looking forward to racing Phil for the Slalom Cup."

Luescher finished third in the giant slalom and pushed his overall point total to 184. Mahre is still second with 155, and Stenmark has 149. Stenmark, however, can gain only one more point since he does not ski downhill.

The only one with a mathematical chance of catching Luescher is Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein, who is fourth with 143 points. One downhill, two giant slaloms and a special slalom remain on the tour. Wenzel does not fare well in downhill.

Europe soccer roundup

LONDON, March 5 (Agencies) — Results of European weekend First Division games:

Boys (22 — 17) 5. Basle (20 — 17).

Spain

The first strike by Spain's professional footballers Sunday wiped out all 36 Division One and Division Two "A" and "B" matches. The strike, called to back demands for freedom of contract and social security benefits, began Saturday.

Holland

First Division fixtures resumed after an 11-week lay-off because of frozen pitches but more than half of the scheduled games were postponed again because of waterlogged grounds.

France

Angers 1 Strasbourg 2
Bastia 1 Paris S.G. 2
Bordeaux 0 Rheims 0
Marseille 1 Vienne 0
Metz 2 Nantes 0
Nice 1 Monaco 2
Paris F.C. 1 Nantes 2
St. Etienne 3 Laval 0
Sochaux 1 Nancy 2

Leading placings: 1. Strasbourg 42 points from 28 games, 2. Nantes and St. Etienne (38-28), 4. (37-28).

Breda 1 Zwolle 1
Iwens 2 Utrecht 2
Roda 3 Nijmegen 1
Feyenoord F. 4 Rotterdam 1

Leading placings: 1. Roda with 28 points from 18 games, 2. Ajax (26 — 17), 3. PSV Eindhoven (23 — 16), 4. Feyenoord (23 — 17), 5. Alkmaar (20 — 17).

Greece

Egaleo 1 Iraklis 1
Apollon 2 Pansefiri 0
Ethnikos 2 Larisa 0
Kavala 2 Aris 2
Kastoria 2 Yannina 1
Panachaiki 2 OFI 0
PAOK 2 Olympia 0
Panathinaikos 4 Rodos 0
AEK 4 Pantionios 0

Leading placings: 1. Aris, 36 points from 22 games, 2. AEK, (35 — 22), 3. Olympiakos (34 — 22), 4. Panathinaikos (29 — 22), 5. PAOK (27 — 21).

Belgium

Standard 1 Anderlecht 0
Bruges 2 Louviere 1
Courtrai 1 Lokeren 1
Lierse 1 Beerschot 0
Molenbeek 5 Waregem 1
Charleroi 2 Winterslag 1
Beveren 3 Antwerp 1
Waterschei 2 Beringen 1

Leading placings: 1. Beveren with 3 points from 21 games, 2. Anderlecht (27 — 21), 3. Lokeren (26 — 21), 4. Bruges (26 — 21), 5. Standard Liege (26 — 21).

Switzerland

Chenais 0 Grasshoppers 0
Laus Anne 1 Servette 2
Neuchatel 1 Basle 0
Nordstern 2 Chiasso 1
Young Boys 1 St. Gallen 1
Zurich 4 Sion 0

Leading placings: 1. Zurich (with 24 points from 17 games), 2. Servette (23 — 17), 3. St. Gallen (23 — 17), 4. Young

Austria

Innsbruck 1 Wiener S/P 2
Austria W, 0 Linz 1
Austria 2 Rapid 2
Sturm 2 Admira 0
Vienna 2 GAK 1

Leading placings: 1. Austria Wien with 20 points from 20 games, 2. Rapid (24 — 20), 3. Voest Linz (23 — 20), 4. Austria V. Salzburg (22 — 20), 5. Wiener S/P (20 — 20).

Portugal

Sporting 3, Beira 0
Setubal 2 Estoril 0
Guimaraes 3 Farnalicao 1
Varzim 2 Barre 0
Academico de C. 0 Porto 3
Belenense 7 Braga 1



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Martina crushes Evert in Dallas with serve game

DALLAS, Texas, March 5 (AP) — Martina Navratilova overpowered Chris Evert, 6-4, 6-4, Sunday for the championship of the 200,000 dollar women's tennis tournament.

She dropped only one point on serve during the first set, and missed only three first serves. In taking the 35,000 dollar first prize, Navratilova needed just 72 minutes.

Tracy Austin beat Virginia Wade, 6-3, in a one-set match for third place.

"Right now Martina is higher emotionally. She is hungrier," the 24-year-old Evert said of her chief rival for the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis.

The standing-room only crowd of 10,125 in Moody Coliseum agreed, gasping at Navratilova's dominance while on serve.

On the other hand, Navratilova was able to pick up at least 30 points on Evert's serves.

"I hit everything well. Chris hit some very hard shots that usually would have been sure winners, that I was able to volley. I seemed to out-guess her today," said the young Czech. It was her first victory in Dallas, her new home.

Rookie captures Florida classic

ORLANDO, Florida, March 4 (AP) — Bob Byman, a rookie on the American circuit but known on the international tour, subdued veteran John Schroeder with a par on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff and scored the first victory in his homeland Sunday in the Bay Hill Citrus Classic.

Byman, 23, winner of four foreign titles, gained his first American triumph with his swag-pot par on the 16th hole.

And in Sarasota, Florida, South African Sally Lide carded four straight birdies Sunday for a 67 round and a 278 total to win the Bent Tree Classic—two strokes better than defending champion Nancy Lopez.

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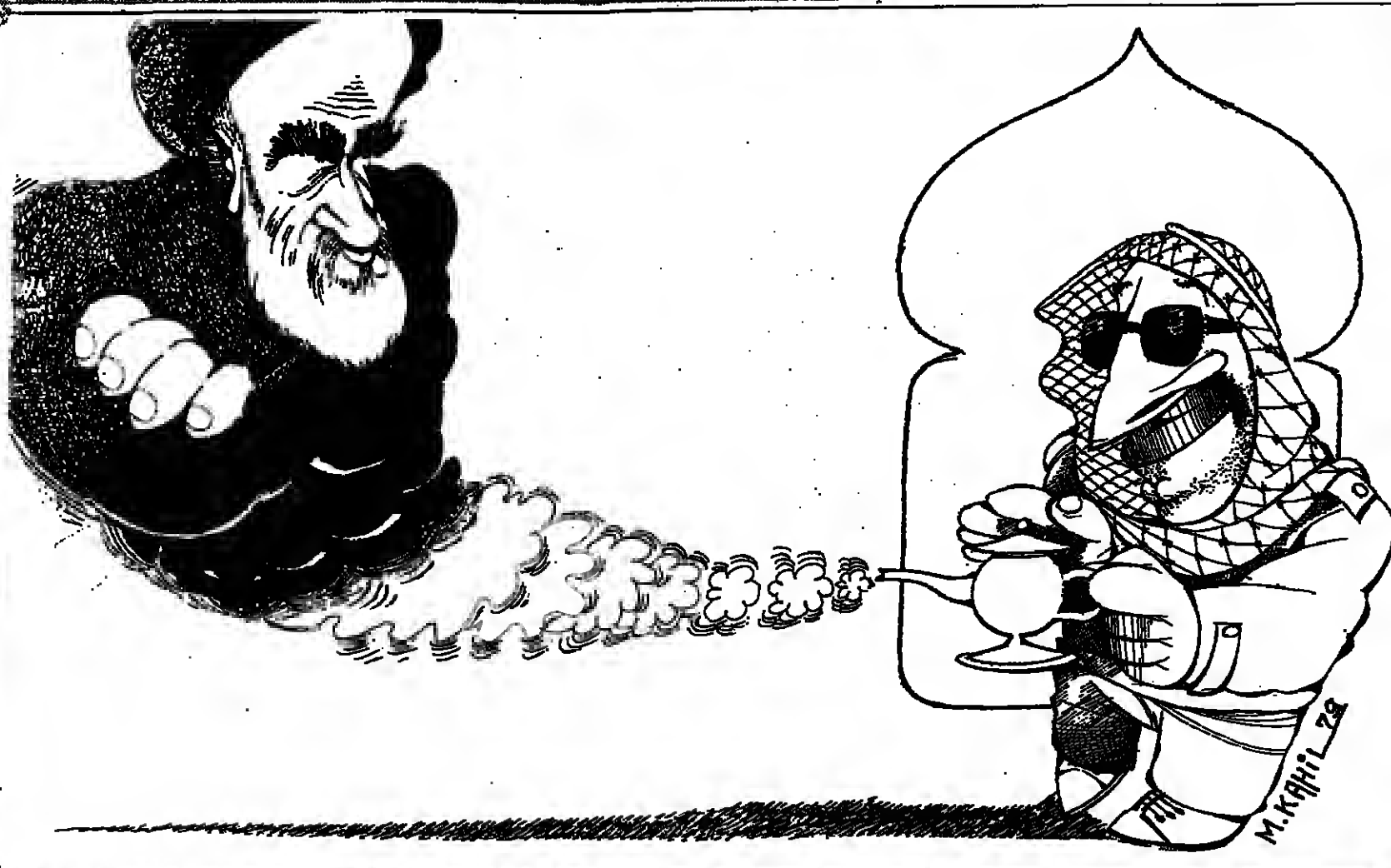
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Metro muggers worry Paris

By PAUL WEBSTER

— PARIS
 With two murders on the Paris Metro in February, the city's 100 miles of underground railway is again causing widespread anxiety because of increasing violence.

The Metro is not only the capital's main public transport system, carrying 1.2 billion passengers a year, but is also a tourist attraction, largely because it costs only 20 US cents to travel anywhere on the system.

But after a scare campaign in which newspapers have warned of the dangers of travelling by Metro, particularly after 9 pm, the police have released statistics showing that "aggressions" on passengers have risen by 24 per cent in a year. They have also given a list of stations and lines to be avoided.

The warning is seen as particularly important as the first big influx of tourists to Paris in April traditionally marks the high point of crimes in the Metro comparable only to the other bad months of November and December.

One of the two murder victims was a gendarme, and it was only a minor incident that led to his death. The gendarme, on routine patrol, was stabbed after stopping his attacker for travelling without a ticket.

It was the third stabbing case in four days. In the other attacks, a student was injured by a thief and a station-master was wounded.

The other killing was that of a young Welshman, stabbed in a fight after the France-Wales rugby match.

With the introduction of a special Metro police squad of 215 men, crime dropped during 1977. A feeling of security was increased by the Metro's own public relations exercises in which buskers were encouraged to exhibit and shops opened in several stations and orchestras and circus acts were employed.

But after the respite, police say that the number of attacks increased from 133 in 1971 to 709 last year, January brought an unprecedented series of 10 attacks, mainly on travellers.

Superintendent Eric L. Douaron, whose Metro Polo can now call on an extra 150 police to reinforce regular patrol, says: "Our biggest problem is controlling pickpockets. Half the specialist gangs are children between the ages of seven and 14. It is almost impossible to arrest them without the public protecting them."

Of the 190 arrests of professional pickpockets last year (out of a total of nearly 11,000 arrests) 75 were international gangs on the Interpol lists who aim to steal an average £50 (\$1,000) a day for each thief.

But public anxiety is still concentrated on violence, which police say is caused mainly by young people seeking "strong sensations". According to Raymond Brandely, a senior official of the Metro trade union, the gangs sometimes ask a ransom from all passengers on a train after forcing the driver to lock all the doors. Other gangs demand a "toll" from passengers using escalators.

Despite the fact that in most cases passengers look the other way when someone is being robbed or assaulted, the police do not criticize them. In some cases the gangs number up to 30. The once forced a police patrol to unlock the handcuffs of a man they had arrested and in another case smashed a policeman's skull when he tried to stop an attack.

With the trade unions holding protest strikes over the mounting violence, police activity rose sharply during January when record 1,400 arrests were made.

There are now permanent patrols in the biggest stations including Montparnasse, Nation, Opera and Gare du Nord, the main chance of cutting crime seems to depend on avoiding certain lines and stations. More than 40 per cent of reported incidents take place after 8 p.m. with the peak at the weekend.

The most dangerous lines are Number 4, which links the Port of Orleans with the Porte Clignancourt and line Number 1 between Nation and Etoile. Both pass through depressed areas of high unemployment.

Stations with several hundreds of yards of corridors linking several lines have the highest crime rates. Police believe they have the city's worst blackspot, Barbe Rochecourant in the north of the city, under control but they say of a new danger point which particularly infuriates for tourists. The Porte Maillot, which both the airport terminal and the main convention centre, has become an increasing attraction for muggers. (OFNS)

Takeover bid for America

By Norris Willat

LUGANO — Europeans are buying up assets in the United States at an unprecedented rate these days.

The investment spree extends all the way from individuals buying houses to giant companies taking over large American businesses. The year 1978 seems to have marked a new high in this respect, and the trend has continued into 1979.

There are several reasons for this rush to acquire dollar assets. One powerful incentive is the depreciation of the dollar; today assets in the United States can look comparatively cheap when valued in terms of strong European currencies, such as the German mark, Swiss franc and Dutch florin.

And they are cheaper than for a long time for buyers paying in less robust currencies, such as the pound sterling, the Italian lira and the French franc.

Companies are also attracted by the fact that the United States offers by far the biggest market in the world.

The market is highly receptive to foreign merchandise — and is still expanding — but countries like West Germany and Switzerland find their exports are being priced out by the rise of their currencies against the dollar.

One solution to this problem is to carry out manufacture inside the U.S. with the added advantage that wages in that country are now, in some cases, lower than in Europe. In addition, production on the spot cuts other costs, such as freight and insurance, and, possibly, customs duties.

The extent of the private acquisition of assets is known for certain. However, the U.S. Department of Commerce already for 1974 estimated that foreign investors controlled total assets of 174 billion dollars, nearly half of which was in finance, insurance and property.

Since then, holdings in property have grown substantially. In recent years, Europeans have been assiduously purchasing land, houses and flats in America. One sign of this is the

regular appearance these days in leading newspapers of West Germany, for example, of advertisements by agencies offering to handle the purchase of U.S. real estate.

Most of the property advertised is in such choice areas as Florida and California, but the market is not restricted to these states alone. One reason for West Germans especially engaging in such transactions is said to be to have some insurance in case "the Russians come"; that is, in case at some time in the future the Soviet Union should bid to invade Western Europe.

This preference on the part of individuals for U.S. real is no doubt influenced by disillusionment with the American stock market as an investment vehicle. Traditionally, Wall Street has been the favored outlet for individual investment by foreigners. But with the market well down from its all time high of a little over 1,000 on the Dow Jones Index, and drifting aimlessly for months at a time, foreigners have lost faith in American shares.

Because the shares of many publicly owned U.S. companies are cheap, it is possible to get a foothold in the U.S. economy at bargain rates.

Bargains or not, some European firms are splurging on the takeover of American enterprises. Some examples of really big deals arranged during 1978 were the acquisition by Unilever, the giant multinational, of National Starch and Chemical, a producer of starch, resins and adhesives, for 485 million dollars.

By the big West German steel group, Thyssen, of the Budd Company, an important manufacturer of vehicle components, for 275 million dollars.

By Nestle, the Swiss conglomerate, of Algon Laboratories, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, for a like sum.

Bayer, one of the big three of the West German chemical industry, took over another well-known U.S. pharmaceutical firm, Miles Laboratories, for 250 million dollars.

Two leading West German vehicle manufacturers, Daimler-Benz and MAN selected the same American firm as a takeover target, White Motor. The former bought 100 per cent of White's Euclid heavy vehicle division; the latter acquired 12 per cent of White Motor itself, with the aim of assembling its own trucks in the U.S. market for the first time.

European firms already established in the U.S. economy have spent quite heavily to fund new facilities or to expand existing ones.

Thus, both Shell Oil and ICI committed themselves to constructing new ethylene plants. In the former case, the investment was 500 million dollars; the latter, 600 million dollars (though the British chemical giant was sharing the with Solvay, the big Belgian chemical company, and the Union Pacific Corporation of the U.S.).

This European investment invasion, significant in itself, becomes even more so as the sequel to events in the 1950s, when many Europeans — President Charles de Gaulle of France being the chief exponent — professed to fear that the Americans threatened a mass takeover of industry in Western Europe.

That fear has now faded; U.S. investment in Europe in recent years has slowed down while European investment in the United States has speeded up. It is true that in earlier years the Americans built up a strong position in the Old Continent, and this has not been essentially weakened.

The change is that Europe is now moving towards a greater equilibrium. It is estimated that the aggregate value of foreign direct investments in the U.S. at the end of 1977 was already around 33 billion dollars, compared with only about 7 billion dollars in 1960; and it is said to be growing at the rate of well over 10 per cent per annum.

The owners of about three-quarters of all these assets are from Western Europe — (OFNS)

Connection cut

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA — Contrary to a 23-year-old treaty with France, Prime Minister Morarji Desai is planning to remove the special privileges of four former French colonies in India — Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.

The four enclaves, ceded to India in 1954, are protected by the Treaty of Cession (1956) which says: "These establishments will keep the benefit of the administrative status which was in force prior to November 1, 1954. Any constitutional changes in this status which may be made subsequently shall be made after ascertaining the wishes of the people."

Because the liberal and enlightened Jawaharlal Nehru looked on these enclaves as a repository of French culture, describing them as India's window on France, they have been administered ever since as a single "Union Territory" with an elected council of ministers and assembly and a lieutenant-governor sent from New Delhi. Formally at least, India has honored its commitment to retain French as the official language and give equal rights to Indians with French nationality.

Mrs Indira Gandhi was often under pressure to withdraw these privileges. But she refused to do so, as much because of her own fondness for French culture as because of her respect for the undertaking to Paris. Each time the matter came up in Parliament, with MPs complaining of an historical anomaly, Mrs Gandhi insisted that no changes could be effected without a plebiscite.

But such niceties matter little to Desai who complains that the four enclaves are too small and too far apart for cohesiveness or administrative convenience. Pondicherry, surrounded by Tamil Nadu state, is the "headquarters". Karaikal in the same state is 150 kilometers away, while Mahe in Kerala and Yanam in Andhra Pradesh are separated by about 600 kilometers. Together, they cover 480 square kilometers with a half-a-million population.

But as a former chief minister of Pondicherry, Farook Maricar, has pointed out, India has several smaller and less populous Union Territories.

The real objection lies in the contrast between wealth and poverty. Pondicherry's per capita income is six times the national average, a fact that is deeply resented by the rest of the country. Others argue with some justification that this prosperity is unearned and is the result of handsome French subsidies.

The 1956 treaty guaranteed French pensions even to those who opted for Indian citizenship and assured civil servants of the "some conditions of service as respects remuneration, leave and pension" as in metropolitan France. As a result, the colony receives an annual 28 million dollar from France; its 14,000 French citizens enjoying a monthly income of 400 dollars against the average Indian's annual 80 dollars. Envy is only to be expected.

A financial prohibitionist, the Prime Minister is also determined to bring Pondicherry to heel because the territory is still a "wet" pocket in a "dry" zone. Tamil Nadu weekenders quench their thirst in Pondicherry which is anathema to the puritanical Desai.

He and other austere politicians must disapprove of many baffling aspects of Pondicherry life. It is a bright little town of neat villas, each in its own garden, and though they have removed the statue of Duplex overlooking the Bay of Bengal, there remain many haunting memories of French grandeur.

In Government House are to be seen silver-topped maces bearing the emblem of Napoleon III, while a bust of Charles X adorns the French consulate. The clean and symmetrical streets still flaunt French names, and the rosewood and mahogany furniture is elegantly reminiscent of the high noon of empire.

Daily life is even more nostalgic. Men meet in the evening to drink and play cards in the Cercle de Pondicherry; formal dances at the Societe Mutuelle des Crocoles are brightly joyous affairs; housewives carefully ration out their few remaining drops of alcohol de menthe; and the game of "boule" is played for hours on end by elderly pensioners.

Prominent among the few remaining French is an ageing antique dealer, Mlle Pierre, whose father was a refugee from the Franco-Prussian war.

Mademoiselle has not stirred out of her bungalow, heavily adorned with crosses of Lorraine, since 1954 because she cannot bear to see the Indian tricolour fluttering over Government House.

The young are educated at the Convent of Joseph de Cluny, the Pensionnat de Jeunes Filles, the College Calve or the College Francaise. They grow up speaking French and looking across the seas for their spiritual homeland.

Desai has announced his intention of merging the enclaves with neighbouring states without benefit of a plebiscite. Giscard d'Estaing's Government could legally object to this breach of the Franco-Indian treaty; but its only interest lies in Pondicherry's block vote which is believed to have made a major impact on the last French elections. Pondicherrians have brusquely been told that since the treaty was with France and not with them, they have no right to its being flouted. (OFNS)

AN OPPOSED PARTY

The Kuwaiti government did well by not allowing an unofficial delegation from South Yemen to participate in the Arab League Council meeting which is now taking place there. The delegation of 25 persons purported to represent the Yemen Democratic Front, a group of ex-army officers and a few disaffected civilians from North Yemen who defected to South Yemen and formed a party opposed to any regime in power in Sanaa. If the Kuwaitis had allowed it in, they would have also to invite representatives of hundreds of thousands of South Yemenis living in North Yemen and elsewhere.

It was therefore, wise to confine the conference to official delegations to avoid turning it into a veritable bazaar of fronts and counter fronts which, in the end, would contribute very little to the peaceful solution that the Yemeni people want.

Fighting near the border continued even as the conference opened, with North Yemeni tribes taking an active part in trying to dislodge the South Yemeni forces from border towns.

The fighting is likely to go on until the conference approves firm resolutions, including establishment of a small Arab force to police the borders and prevent the infiltration of agents and saboteurs, a problem which has plagued the area for many years.

This may well be necessary — although it will always remain a sad reflection of the failure of two closely related Arab regimes to co-exist in peace.

Urging the two Yemens to follow the example of his country and Iraq, Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said that ten years of mutual hostility between those two countries ended in half an hour, and paved the way for a greater degree of unity than had been expected.

But there is a fine distinction between the two situations which will make it well-nigh impossible to achieve similar results in the southern corner of Arabia. Syria and Iraq adopt the same Baathist ideology while North and South Yemen adopt diametrically opposed ones. South Yemen being Marxist and North Yemen staunchly Muslim. So the best one can hope for is an agreement to co-exist peacefully and divert their meager resources to development, education and health care, rather than to importing weapons and ammunition at exorbitant prices.

OAU AUSPICES

The war in East Africa is taking a turn for the worse — as far as Uganda is concerned. At least in part, the Ugandan government provided Africa's elder statesman Julius Nyerere into launching a full scale war which he may not have wanted, much as he disliked President Idi Amin personally. President Amin had earlier attacked Tanzania, occupied the Kagera salient and blown up the important bridge that linked the two countries. At one time, during and after British colonial rule, the two were extremely close to each other. The Ugandans cite the hostile activities of the exiled dissidents — shades of Yemen — as the constant factor in souring relations between the two countries.

This matter should have been settled peacefully and through negotiations under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity. But the Ugandans took to war and swept the salient, deeply hurting President Nyerere's pride as he was caught unprepared for a war on this scale. Knowing the man and his moral authority in Africa and among his own people, he could not have swallowed, his wounded pride and agreed to forgive and forget. A war to the finish seemed inevitable. Ugandan radio broadcasts and reckless and tasteless announcements by President Amin's British-born adviser Bob Astles were enough to goad Nyerere to retaliate and vindicate himself before his own people, who include relatives of those devalued by Astles' encoindles.

This said, we believe that Nyerere's troops have more than done themselves proud by proving that they are a match for Uganda's army in battle. Nyerere should now exercise the statesmanship that has made him famous in Africa by ordering his troops to stop further bloodshed inside another African country. It would enhance his stature to halt the advance of his army at a time of victory instead of pressing his luck in a protracted war — the kind of which he has always condemned and advised against.

He may find it hard to do that now that the Tanzanians are mobilized militarily and emotionally charged to seek vengeance on Amin. Besides, the Front for the Liberation of Uganda, led by the deposed Milton Obote, may be lured by the promise of a triumphant return home now that some of their forces actually fighting within sight of the capital. But the mark of a real statesman — such as Nyerere aspires to be — is their ability to make decisions that don't necessarily agree with the passions of the moment.

Since he has proved his military capability and driven home to the government of Uganda that he can fight it and win, he should opt for a negotiated settlement to set a good example for the rest of Africa and the Third World — provided, of course, that Amin is willing to talk and agree to abide by the rulings of the OAU.

If he presses home his attack until President Amin falls and Obote is re-instated, Nyerere might well unleash a whole nest of hornets in a continent where the number of "liberation fronts" exceeds that of governments.

saudi press review

Discussing the current Arab energy conference in Abu Dhabi an "Al-Bilad" commentator said that it is concerned more with a common Arab oil strategy than with the current market conditions. The writer referred to statements made by Dr. Qteiba of the U.A.E. and said his comments revealed two parallel dimensions:

— How to make political use of energy as a strategic material;
 — International attitudes toward Arab political issues.

Although not everything can be covered by the conference this time, it could at least lay down a policy which might later be pursued in depth, the paper said.

Oil has been instrumental in the development of the states that produce it as well in other Arab states generally, hence the need to study how to preserve this source of energy and find out if there are alternate sources, like nuclear and solar energy, the paper added. In addition, the conference should pay greater attention to organizing relations between the producers and the

consumers with particular attention to the intermediary companies which have exploited the current shortfall to increase their profits in defiance of OPEC prices.

Apart from that, the conference aims at relating oil supplies to the buyer's policy and attitude toward the political issues which are of special concern to the Arabs.

It is conceivable that the foreseeable future could see important developments in this regard — whether it is to use oil for national development or political advantage.

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In view of the Arab League Council meeting in Kuwait "Al-Medina" blamed leftists, and local and international Communism for disturbing the peace of the Arabian Peninsula. It is clear, the paper added, that these agents aim at subverting the region by exporting their criminal Marxist designs to it. It said that before joining the Kuwait meeting, Foreign Minister Prince Saudi Al-Faisal visited

the confrontation states to deliver messages from King Khalid suggesting consultations with their leaders about the situation in Yemen.

The paper said that the presence of Communist advisers anywhere in the Arabian Peninsula is a threat to its peace and stability.

It is not that any state should not seek the assistance of foreign personnel, but the reputation of the Soviet and Cuban advisers is that they confine their services to subversion and dissension. It is in the nature of Communism to interfere in the internal affairs of others and any Communist state is bent always on sowing the seeds of its ideology everywhere it can do so. We have seen the Communists' operation in Czechoslovakia, Angola, Zaire, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Vietnam and elsewhere. It is, therefore, the duty and responsibility of all Arabs to expell them from our midst.

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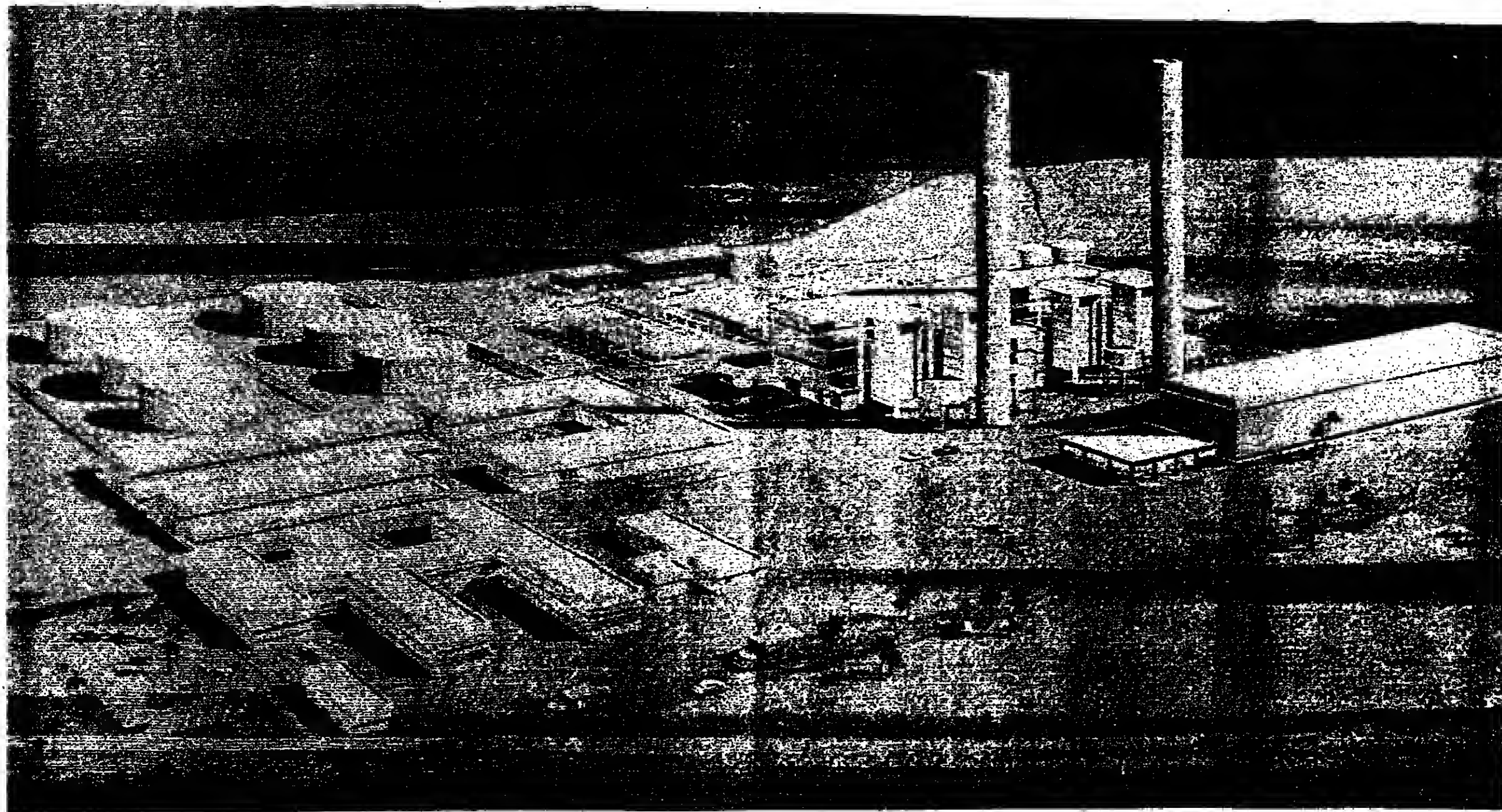
Commenting on the deadlocked talks at Camp David

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Blumenthal briefs Tokyo on week's visit to China

TOKYO, March 5 (R)—United States Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal left for home Monday after talks with Japanese government officials on trade with China.

Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda told Blumenthal it was essential that the U.S. and Japan did not try to exclude each other from the reopening Chinese market, Japanese officials said.

Highest value in 8 months

Dollar rallies in Japan

TOKYO, March 5 (AP)—The dollar recovered Monday, reaching its highest value in more than eight months. The American currency closed at 205.175 yen but foreign exchange dealers in the Japanese capital said the rise in the dollar's value was due to technical reasons.

The U.S. fund finished more than 1.5 yen higher than Friday's closing rate of 203.175 yen. The dollar has not been traded at above 204 yen since June 30, 1978.

One local banker said purchase of dollars by importers and the unloading of yen by foreign sellers of yen-denominated bonds are responsible for a sudden shortage of dollars on the market.

Morning dollar rates in key European financial centers, compared with Friday's late rates:

Frankfurt — 1.8603 West German marks, up from 1.8570.
Zurich — 1.6773 Swiss francs, up from 1.6765.
Paris — 4.29 French francs, up from 4.2838.
Amsterdam — 2.0100 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0060.
Milan — \$42.90 Italian lire, up from \$41.75.
In London it took \$2.0197 to buy a British pound, compared to \$2.0218 late Friday.

pan did not try to exclude each other from the reopening Chinese market, Japanese officials said.

Blumenthal last week initiated an agreement with Chinese officials which cleared the way for full trade relations between Washington and Peking.

Japan is negotiating with China over trade deals worth \$20 billion under an eight-year agreement reached last year.

Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira assured Blumenthal that Japan had no intention of monopolizing trade with China and would observe international rules governing loans, a spokesman for Ohira said.

Blumenthal also handed Ohira a letter from President Carter in which the American leader pledged to "space no pains" to strengthen economic ties between Washington and Tokyo, Japanese officials said.

But informed sources said Blumenthal renewed American demands that Japan cut its massive overseas trade surplus which against the United States alone last year ran to \$11.57 billion.



LIGHTER LASER: This new alignment laser for mining and tunnelling operations is lighter and more compact than previous models and is accurate to one inch (50 mm) in 1640 feet (500 m). Designed and developed by a British company, it is seen here being used at a coal mine in southern England.

Alternative energy sources considered by U.S. experts

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Higher oil prices and spot shortages brought on by the shutdown of Iranian oil production are focusing interest on several alternative sources of supply that a few years ago were little more than dreams.

While commercial solar, wind and thermal power are still decades away, American experts say other sources — oil from coal and shale, and natural gas from coal — may be practical in the next few years.

"The Iranian situation points up the United States' vulnerability," says Gary Ross, an analyst for the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, an industry group.

Known in the trade as synfuels — short for synthetic fuels — the three processes involve producing ordinary types of crude oil and natural gas. Shale oil production involves mining oil-bearing shale and using heat to squeeze the oil out of the rock.

Citibank starts business in China

PEKING, March 5 (R)—New York's Citibank, the world's second largest commercial bank, has established full banking relationships with the Bank of China. It was announced Monday. The New York Bank's China coordinator, Robert Grant, said the Bank of China was now selling Citibank dollar travelers cheques in China — the first time the Bank of China has sold American travelers cheques.

OAU to form economic council

NAIROBI, March 5 (R)—The Organization of African Unity (OAU) Council of Ministers has taken the first step toward creation of an African economic community council. Chairman Mungai Waiyaki has said. Speaking at the closing session of the week-long council meeting Sunday, Waiyaki, Kenya's foreign minister, said, "One of the most important resolutions to have come out of the session is the one on the reaffirmation of the need to establish an African economic community."

U.S. energy crisis blamed on Iran

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—economist Walter Levy has said that loss of Iranian oil had brought an inevitable energy crisis to the United States five years earlier than expected. "I believe we have an energy crunch, right now caused by Iran," Levy said on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday.

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.79	6.85	6.83
Deutsche Mark	1.81	182.00	181.50
Swiss F	2.00	203.00	201.00
French F	0.78	79.00	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	0.40	4.05	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.25	108.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	86.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Irqi Dinar	—	9.45	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,450	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,050	—
Silver kg bar	—	800	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.64	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.84	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	1.69	1.69
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.

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Experts set agenda for IMF discussion

WASHINGTON, March 5 (R)—Technical experts from the developing world were to meet again Monday to work out positions for their ministers to present at international financial talks to be held in Washington later this week.

Deputies of the "Group of 24" developing countries — eight states each from Africa, Asia and Latin America — will resume a review they began Sunday of world economic developments and their effect on poorer countries.

The finance ministers of the "Group of 24" meet Tuesday to outline the positions on world economic issues they will present to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) interim committee on Wednesday.

The Interim Committee, the main policy-making panel of the IMF, represents both the industrial and developing world, and is to examine a number of international financial issues.

High on the list of worries of the developing world are what they view as protectionist trends in industrial countries, upheavals created by currency instability, and the generally unsettled world economic outlook.

The poorer countries are pressing the industrial states to do all they can to ensure noninflationary economic growth, lower barriers to international trade and currency stability so their development process can proceed.

The recessions and sluggish economic growth which have been so prevalent in the industrial economies during this decade have meant that exports

of raw materials, on which poorer nations are dependent, have not grown swiftly enough to ensure the economic well-being of the developing world.

These growth problems have been exacerbated by rampant inflation which has created continuity in export markets and has reduced the real value of the raw materials they worldwide.

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U.S.-Russian trade dormant magazine says

CLEVELAND, March (AP)—"Industry Week" magazine says that 60 years ago the U.S. opened trade with Soviet Union, political is continue to hinder expansion commercial relations between the two nations.

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Implementation of water network in Umuij	xx	200	Mar 28
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads in Qatwah	xx	200	Mar 31
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads in Biljirshi	xx	200	Mar 31
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads in Al-Mindaq	xx	1500	Apr. 1
" " "	Constructing of slaughterhouse in Baha	xx	1000	Apr. 3
" " "	Five lavatories in Biljirshi	xx	150	Apr. 4
" " "	Fencing of graveyards in Biljirshi	xx	1000	Apr. 7
" " "	Vegetable and meat market in Qatwah (containing 20 shops)	xx	350	Apr. 9

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 7.4.1399/5.3.1979

Vessels Working	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
1	TUBAN	KANOO	GENERAL CONTRS	4/3/1979
2	TUBER	BARBER	GENERAL	5/3/1979
3	CLIMAN	ORRI		
4	AMETHYST		IRON BARS/GEN	10/3/1979
5	LENA MAERSK	KANOO	GEN/ICE CONTRS	20/3/1979
6	KLIMAN LEMALD	U.E.P.	LOADING UREA	26/3/1979
7	GOLDEN VENTURE	ALSAADA	STEEL	4/3/1979
8	NILKINTHA	GULF	GENERAL	3/3/1979
9	ASIA CHIEF	GULF	GENERAL	4/3/1979
10	SALEPSO	GOSABI	TIMBER	3/3/1979
11	GEN NICHAL	KANOO	GENERAL	4/3/1979
12	DESIGNA OR	U.E.P.	C.CEMENT IN BAGS	4/3/1979
13	PATRICIA M	GOSABI	C.CEMENT IN BAGS	26/2/1979
14	EASTERN WAVE	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	4/3/1979
15	S. C. P.			
16	ORFAL RAYAD	S.C.S.A.	GENERAL	4/3/1979
17	2-Recent Arrivals			
18	EASTERN WAVE	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	4/3/1979
19	DARHO MARL	KANOO	CARS	4/3/1979
20	DESIGNA OR	U.E.P.	C.CEMENT IN BAGS	4/3/1979
21	MAGASSAK MARL	GOSABI	HELICOPTERS/PART	4/3/1979
22	ARAB AL RYAD	S.C.S.A.	GENERAL	4/3/1979
23	TAMME	BARBER	GENERAL	5/3/1979
24	TUBAN	KANOO	GENERAL CONTRS	4/3/1979
25	ASIAN PROGRESS	KANOO	CONTAINERS	4/3/1979
26	ASIA CHIEF	GULF	GENERAL	4/3/1979
27	BN SHUHAID	KANOO	GENERAL	4/3/1979
28	GOLDEN VENTURE	ALSAADA	STEEL	4/3/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

GERMANIC	S.A.T.T.E.
HAMLET SAUDIA	S.A.T.T.E.
RICHIELO	GOSABI
VENTURE	
TORRENS	BARBER
IBAL	KANOO
ANN ARROW	S.M.C.
AT EAPORTH	AL SAADA
YUNGFON LU	GOSABI
MERARIO GALLIA	A.E.T.
SPRINT AND GALL	GOSABI
FAKE JONOT	BARBER

4-Tonnages Discharged (Freight Tons): 27,476

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 5TH MARCH 1979.

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING	BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	1	SEASPEED AMERICA	FAV'Z	CONTAINERS/CARS	4/3/1979
2	2	BADILE	REO SEA	CONTNRS/RICE/GEN/STEEL	1/3/1979
3	3	BRGS. EX	KANOO	GEN.BGD.RICE & FLUOR. BULK RICE	26/2/1979
4	4	ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	GEN.BGD.RICE & FLUOR. BULK RICE	26/2/1979
5	5	BRGS. EX	KANOO	GEN.BGD.RICE & FLUOR. BULK RICE	26/2/1979
6	6	ATLANTIC FOREST	ETAK NAV.	FRUITS	3/3/1979
7	7	HEXKIVIER	BARBER	REFERER/GENERAL	28/3/1979
8	8	FREEMANTLE STAR			
9	9	UNION YENBO	O.C.E.	STEEL BARS/GEN. TIMBER CONTAINERS	28/3/1979
10	10	BORA II	O.C.E.	STEEL BARS	1/3/1979
11	11	CHAI VAREE	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	4/3/1979
12	12	BRGS. ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	RICE/GENERAL/FLOUR	26/2/1979
13	13	OXYSEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	28/2/1979
14	14	GRENA	AL SABAH	BULK CEMENT	2/3/1979
15	15	ATLANTIC CHALLENGE	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	11/2/1979
16	16	LUNAR VENTURE	ANSCO	BAGGED CEMENT	4/3/1979
17	17	FILIPINAS SAUDI I	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	4/3/1979
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ALPHA ENTERPRISE	GULF	CONTNRS/GENERAL	1/3/1979
2-Recent Arrivals			
ALPHA ENTERPRISE	GULF	GEN./GENERAL	4/3/1979
KWONG FUNG	ANSCO	CONTNRS/GENERAL	4/3/1979
CHAI VAREE	A.E.T.	CONTNRS/GENERAL	4/3/1979
FALSTAFF	KANOO	VEHICLES	4/3/1979
LUNAR VENTURE	ANSCO	BAGGED CEMENT/GEN.	4/3/1979
IMPERIA	STAR NAV.	ORANGES/EGGS	4/3/1979
MARLANO II	AAZIZ EST.	LOADING EGGS	4/3/1979
SEASPEED	FAV'Z	CONTAINERS/CARS	4/3/1979
AMERICA	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	5/3/1979
FINNITIMBER	ABOALLAH	CONTNRS/GENERAL	5/3/1979
3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours			
FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	ORANGES	5/3/1979
CARRILLO	O.C.E.	BANANAS	5/3/1979
BRITTENBURG	ALGEZIRAH	CONTNRS/GENERAL	5/3/1979
ARGOLIKOS	S.E.A.	GEN./TIMBER	5/3/1979
BREITHORN	BAROOM	STEEL	5/3/1979
JOHNNY K	ALPRA	TO LOAD 4000T REBAR	5/3/1979
ZYGMUNT III WAZA	ATTAR	CONTNRS/GENERAL	5/3/1979
FUSHIMI MARU	ALIREZA	FORK-LIFTS/GENERAL	5/3/1979
DESIGNA K	O.C.E.	CONTAINERS	5/3/1979
GREEN ISLAND	KANOO	TILSCANNED GOODS	5/3/1979
ROLOM ORO	S.C.S.A.	LOAD EMPTY BAGS	5/3/1979
SAINT SERVAN	SINDI	POWERED MILK	5/3/1979
NEDLLOYD	ALATAS	TO LOAO TRAILERS	5/3/1979
BAHRAIN		CONTAINERS	5/3/1979

4-Tonnages Discharged (Freight Tons): 48,208

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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26.95	Bank Austria	143	43
26.95	Bank of Vienna	25	25
40.00	CIC	102	102
177.50	Dragageo	194	194
173.50	E. L. Aragonese	31.90	32.50
27.50	Esencia de Cacao	97	96
73.75	Expl. Rio Tinto	53.50	54.00
895.00	Feca (1,000)	58.00	58.50
430.00	Ferros (1,000)	52.50	52.50
36.00	Col. President	54	54
548.00	Grupo Valsquez (400)	165	165
548.00	Elairol	65.75	67.25
325.00	Bernheim	63.75	65.00
550.00		74	74
180.00	Olarra	78	78
199.00	Papalote Remolins	38.00	32.00
197.00	Petrobril	101	101
1106	Repsol	127.00	132.00
71.02	Servicio Papalote	39	39
12.85	Saturo	43.00	43.00
885.00	Sociedad	125	125
62.00	Telefonic	70.00	70.00
714.00	Terra Bostech	66.00	66.00
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EURO-CURRENCY IN

	March 1	Sterling	U.S. Dollar	Cash Rate
Short term	13-13%	10-10%	8%	
7 days notice	13-13%	10-10%	8%	
1 month	22 1/2-23 1/2	19 1/2-19 1/2	16 1/2-16 1/2	
Three months	22 1/2-23 1/2	19 1/2-19 1/2	16 1/2-16 1/2	
Six months	11 1/2-11 1/2	10 1/2-10 1/2	9 1/2-9 1/2	
One-year	11 1/2-11 1/2	10 1/2-10 1/2	9 1/2-9 1/2	

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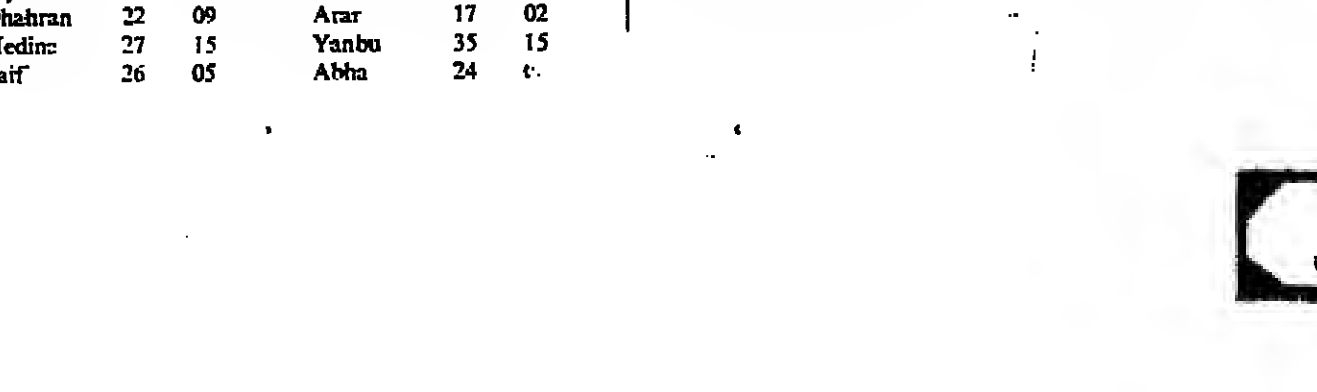
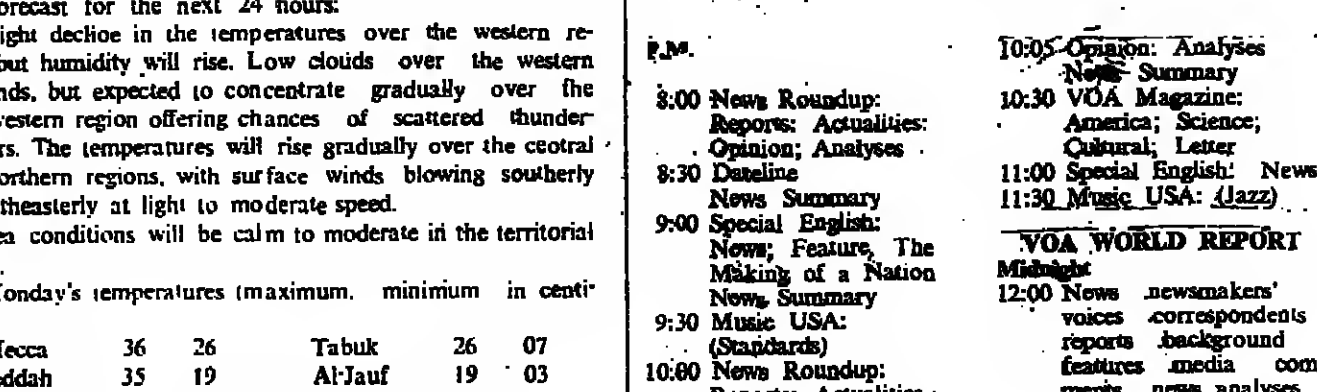
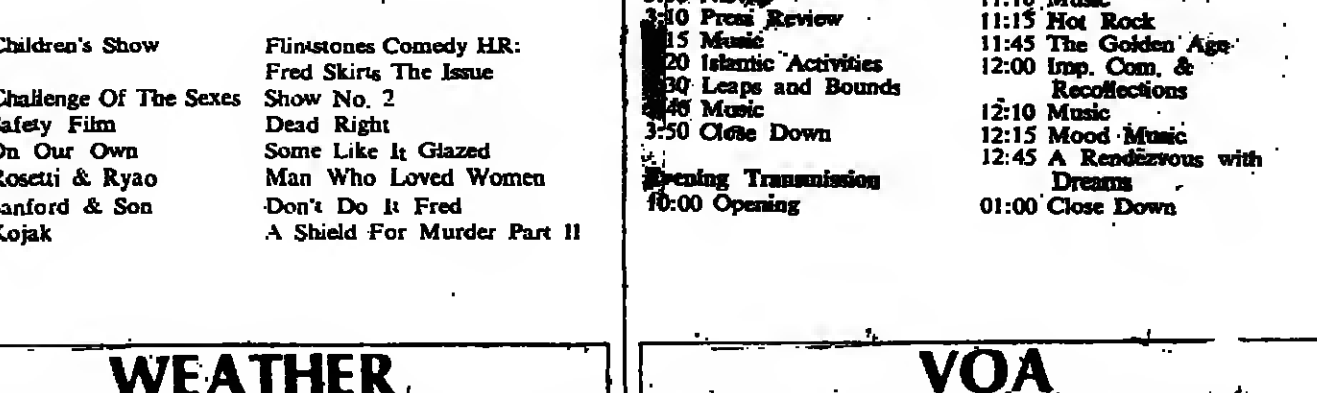
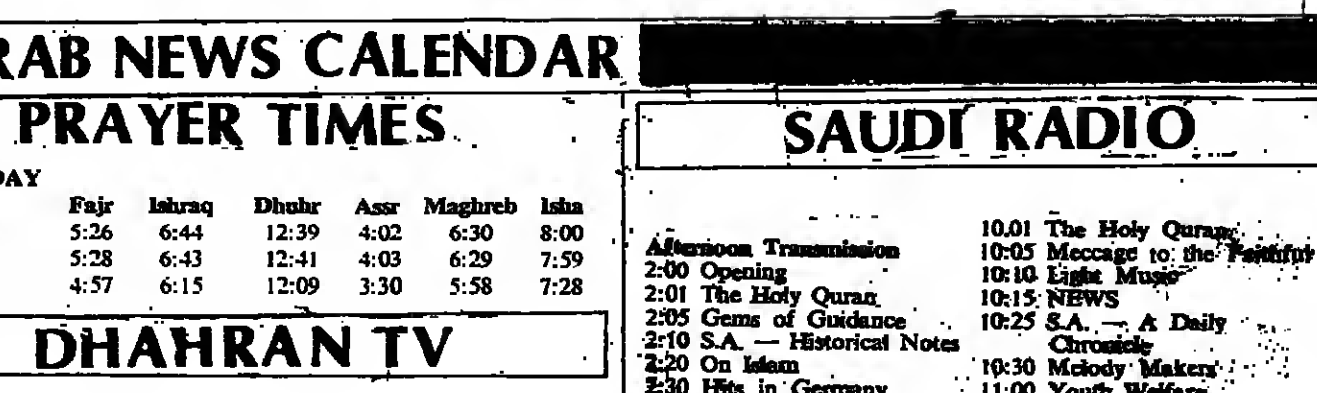
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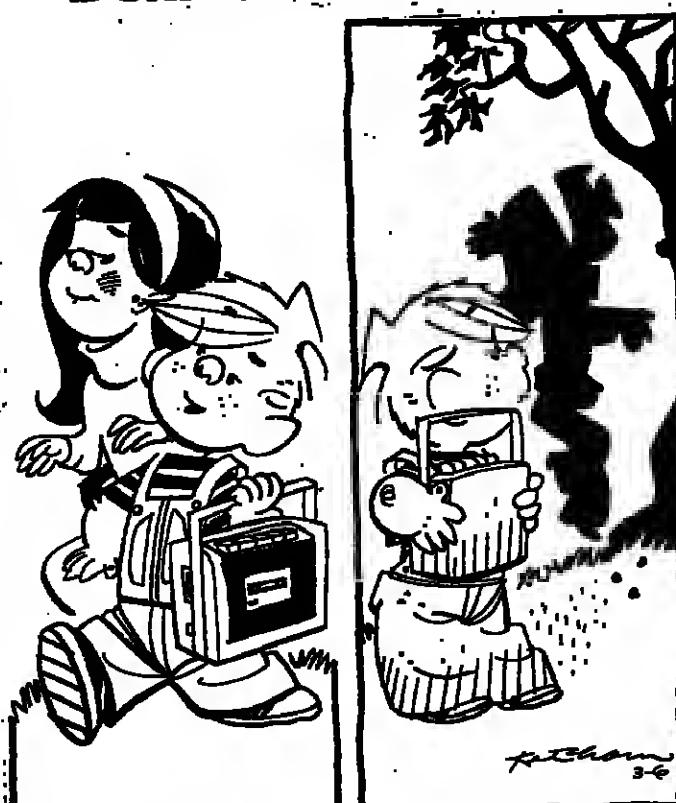
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Vacation
5 Enact, as a bill
10 Middle
12 Nominate
13 Lofly
14 Before
15 Prefix
16 With mature
18 Christmas drink
19 Uncouth person
20 Raison d'
21 Political cartoonist
22 How soon?
23 March place
24 Small avial
25 Mopet
26 Balkan
27 Harness piece
28 "Crowned head" author
30 Nasty
31 Suffice with king
32 Extremely
34 Filer
36 Concession
37 Visionary
38 Otherwise
39 Noble
40 Italian family
41 Adolescent

DOWN
1 Part of T.L.C.
2 Cleveland
3 Letter sign-off
4 Soap
5 Ingredient
6 Elec. unit
7 Party game
8 Spanish gentleman
9 Old card game
10 Ruler
11 Stance
12 Old-timey
13 Greek
14 Run around
15 Junkyard
16 Designate
17 Segal's
18 "Love"
19 "Nocturnal party" item
20 Greek township
21 Accessible
22 Do thread-work
23 Put into type

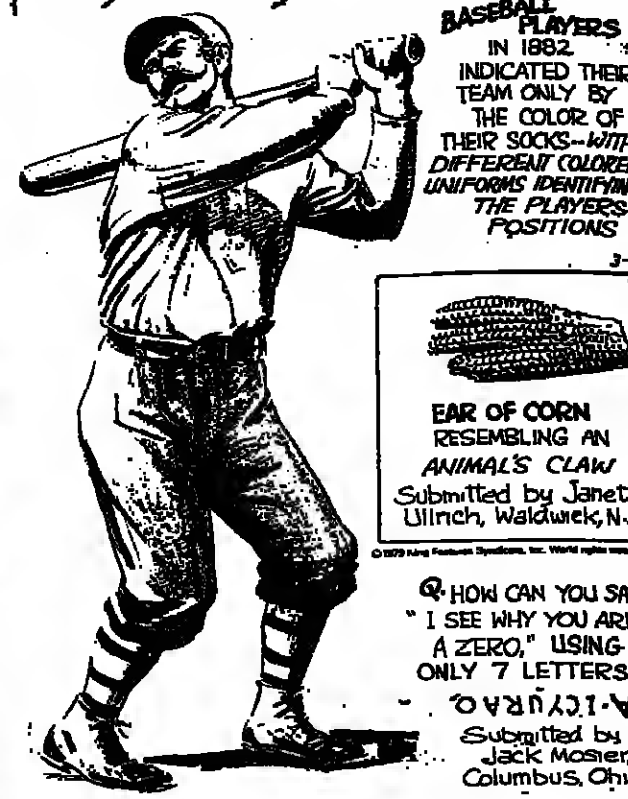
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

IFNI DFXFX, QZOFNQB, FZNOB
SYOZ BAVVJ, IFAWRB IFNW
NWJIFAWR ZVBZ AW IFZ
DYOV, AB N QXIZOZ AW N
SEBZES - TOYIFZOB BYWXYEOI
Yesterday's Cryptquote: TO READ A POET IN JANUARY IS AS LOVELY AS TO GO FOR A WALK IN JUNE. - JEAN PAUL

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Stairway to the Stars

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 7
♥ A K 5 2
♦ A
♣ A K J 10 8 8

WEST
♠ 4
♥ 10 7
♦ 10 9 7 8 5 4
♣ Q 9 2

EAST
♠ K 8 2
♥ 8 8 4
♦ A K Q 8
♣ 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 8 5
♥ Q J 9 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 5 ♠ 4 ♠
Pass Pass 7 ♠ 7 ♠
Opening lead - jack of diamonds.

The trump crop is generally regarded as the province of only the top experts, but more often than not it is a relatively simple form of play. Consider this deal where South made a dreadful overcall of one spade and unexpectedly wound up playing the hand at seven spades.

West led a diamond which declarer ruffed in dummy. South then played the Q-J of spades, finessing successfully both times. But when West showed out on the second trump lead, it seemed certain that East would eventually score a trump trick with his K - since there were no more spades left to dummy for another finess.

But South, well-versed in trump coups, trapped East's K-4 nevertheless. He cashed the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club, thus showing the first rule of trump coup: reduce your trump length to exactly the same length as your opponent.

Declarer then cashed his queen of hearts and followed with another heart to dummy's king, thus putting the lead where he would be able to run dummy's three remaining club winners.

When declarer saw the J-10-4 of clubs from dummy, East elected not to ruff, thus permitting South to discard a diamond and two hearts from his hand. But East was living on borrowed time at this point, and he knew it.

By now, dummy's last two cards were the A-5 of hearts. East had the K-4 of trumps, and South had the A-10 of trumps. The ace of hearts led from dummy destroyed East's apparently sure trump trick and South closed up making the grand slam.

It would not have helped East to ruff any one of dummy's clubs earlier in the play. Declarer would have overruffed and drawn East's last trump to produce exactly the same result.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

TUESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:26	6:44	12:39	4:02	6:30	8:00
Medina	5:28	6:43	12:41	4:03	6:29	7:59
Nejd	4:57	6:15	12:09	3:30	5:58	7:28

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Flinstones Comedy HR:
6:30 Challenge Of The Sexes	Fred Skins The Issue
7:04 Safety Film	Dead Right
7:25 On Our Own	Some Like It Glazed
7:49 Rosetti & Ryao	Man Who Loved Women
9:23 Sanford & Son	Don't Do It Fred
9:45 Kojak	A Shield For Murder Part II

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Slight decline in the temperatures over the western region, but humidity will rise. Low clouds over the southwestern region offering chances of scattered showers. The temperatures will rise gradually over the central and northern regions, with surface winds blowing southerly to southeasterly at light to moderate speed.

Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	36	26	Tabuk	26	07
Jeddah	35	19	Al-Jauf	19	03
Riyadh	21	08	Turaif	17	04
Dhahran	22	09	Arar	17	02
Medina	27	15	Yanbu	35	15
Taif	26	05	Abha	24	01

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Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Reports: Actualities:	America; Science;
Opinion; Analyses:	Cultural; Letter
8:30 Deadline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News; Feature, The	
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA:	
(Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup:	
Reports: Actualities:	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 "Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newswave
News Summary	6:15 "Outlook
8:30 "Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newswave	7:15 "Sherlock Holmes
9:30 "Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 "Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 "Take One
10:30 "Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 "Something to Show	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newswave
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:45 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ukster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
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Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ukster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature
2:00 World News	Notebook
2:09 News about Britain	1:00 World News
2:15 Alphabet of	1:09 World Today
Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newswave	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Put some of your creative energy into household planning. You'll find new ways to make home an attractive place for others to visit.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A creative idea has money-making potential, but also merits in its own right. Save time later for the development of artistic thoughts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Optimism about financial prospects makes you feel good about yourself. Window-shopping may lead to the purchase of something nice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Take time out to recharge your energies. A short nap should have you raring to go. Let inner peace shine outward for your best success.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
You should be feeling mellow in a social situation. Relax and drift with the currents of your imagination. Privacy is accented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
A get-together with a business associate may mark the beginning of a new friendship. Save time for networking in the p.m.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
A talk with a trusted adviser has you optimistic about career prospects. You may want to save some time later to mull these ideas over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Moderate financial gains are possible now. Talk with educators or advisers should go well. Check for bargains or travel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A mate or close ally may have good news regarding a financial matter. Joint financial ventures are favored by today's stellar trends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Accept help from a close one on a work project. Shared tasks may lead later to some leisure time spent together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Spending a few hours of leisure time on a work-related project pays off. Add something cheerful to your office decor.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Plan something special for family members or invite a close one to your home. Later, you might want to step out for added fun.

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International

Supreme Court indicates Bhutto may escape death

RAWALPINDI, March 5 (Agencies) — The Pakistan Supreme Court indicated Monday it may reconsider its confirmation of the death sentence on former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for organizing a political assassination four years ago.

It called for arguments on whether Bhutto could be sent to the gallows after the court split 4-3 in rejecting his appeal against the sentence last month.

Chief Justice Anwarul-Haq sought advice from the state prosecutor after Chief Defense Counsel Yahya Bakhtiar summed up his arguments on why the court should review its verdict.

Bakhtiar listed several reasons why the court should reverse its decision, but the chief justice invited the prosecutor's advice only in respect of the split decision.

Lawyers later said it appeared the court may have already ruled out reconsideration of its verdict on other points raised in the review petition.

The defense had argued there were contradictions in the evidence which had not been considered by the court. These included the evidence of ballistic experts and details of the ambush on politician Ahmed Raza Kasuri.

Kasuri escaped the ambush, but his father, Nawab Muhammad Ahmed Khan, was killed. The state had also not proved the conspiracy involving the former premier, the defense counsel said.

Bhutto has been confined to a cell in the Rawalpindi Jail while awaiting the final outcome of legal battle against his death sentence. Bhutto himself has refused to plead personally for mercy.

But a close political colleague of his has pleaded, it was reported Monday.

Bhutto's fate was raised between a close aide of Bhutto and Gen. Zia-ul-Haq according to informed sources said.

Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, a former finance minister in the Bhutto cabinet met with Zia for two hours Sunday night, the sources said, and "the discussions could be of far-reaching significance."

The meeting between Zia and Pirzada was the first involving a leader of Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party and the military leadership which overthrew Bhutto in a bloodless military coup in July 1977.

Mubashir Hasan, a former finance minister in Bhutto's cabinet but who holds no formal post in the PPP, also had met Zia in February to seek clemency for the condemned former prime minister.

Several world leaders have also appealed for clemency for Bhutto.

Pirzada said Monday he met Zia after receiving permission from Bhutto to do so. Pirzada had met Bhutto in the Rawalpindi Central Jail earlier Sunday.

Pirzada said "Our request is that the death penalty given to Bhutto should be set aside in view of the possible serious consequences which might result if the former prime minister is executed."

Pressed further regarding the contents of the discussions with Zia, Pirzada did not divulge much. He said, "It is a very sensitive matter," regarding which all possible precautions and care must be exercised. Pirzada would not say at whose initiative his meeting with Zia took place.

In the days before the Supreme Court announced its decision to uphold a lower court ruling on Bhutto, hundreds of the former prime minister's supporters and fellow party members were reported arrested.

Recently, Gen. Zia has said he would rely on a consensus of his government for a final decision on Bhutto's case.

Over home rule issue

U.K. government fighting for survival

LONDON, March 5 (R) — Britain's minority Labor government Monday entered into a week of behind-the-scenes bargaining to avoid being forced out of office.

Its position became critical last Thursday when plans for granting limited home rule to Scotland and Wales foundered.

The people of Wales voted overwhelmingly against home rule, preferring to stay governed from the parliament in London.

But in a referendum in Scotland, 32.9 per cent of the population wanted home rule and 50.8 per cent voted against, a seeming victory for the "yes" vote.

The rules of the referendum said, however, that 40 per cent of the 3.7 million voters must be in favor to allow the scheme to be implemented.

Now the Scottish Nationalists are saying that, with the majority on their side, the government should ignore the 40 per cent rule and go ahead with setting up an assembly in Scotland.

Dilemma

And it is here that Prime Minister James Callaghan faces a dilemma, because the voting support of the 11 Scottish Nationalist members of parliament helps his government keep power.

Support

They could withdraw this support if he decides to abandon the Scottish assembly plan.

However, if he goes along with the Nationalists, Labor members of parliament have said they will vote against the government.

Opposition

Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher is waiting to pounce and the first chance could come on Thursday, when she is expected to call for vote of no confidence in the government.

Meetings Planned

Meanwhile Callaghan and his ministers plan several meetings this week with their own party members and the Nationalists.

They will be trying to devise some scheme to survive a no-confidence vote and keep in office until the government's five-year mandate expires in November.

Callaghan may try to placate the Nationalists and his restless followers by saying that he would shelve the home rule scheme for now but try to reintroduce it if reelected.

The Labor vote is 306, plus the certain support of four independents. The Conservatives have 281 MPs. Liberals 11, Scottish Nationalists 11, Northern Ireland members 10 and Welsh Nationalists 3.

The Northern Ireland representatives have not yet said how they plan to act.

'Twin A' doing well

PHILADELPHIA, March 5 (AP) — The infant girl separated from her Siamese twin sister in a delicate six-hour operation last week is now in stable condition breathing without the aid of a respirator.

The assessment of the girl known as "Twin A" was made Sunday by a nursing supervisor at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

The twins were born Feb. 20 at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Belfast terrorist victim rejects 'paltry' damages

BELFAST, March 5 (AP) — A Roman Catholic left for dead by Protestant terrorist killers but who survived to help convict them has refused to accept \$1,500 from the British government.

Gerard McLaverty, who was bludgeoned with a nail-sand club, throttled until he blacked out and left for dead in a Belfast side street with his wrists slashed, said through his lawyer Sunday the sum the Northern Ireland Office had offered was "paltry."

The 11 members of the terrorist gang, known as "the Butchers," were convicted here Feb. 20 of 19 sectarian killings in Belfast in two years. The court handed down a total of 42 life sentences.

Help

After he had partially recovered from his injuries police took McLaverty, 34, on a car tour of Protestant strongholds in the city. He managed to identify two of his attackers and police then rounded up the other nine members of the gang.

His lawyer Pascal O'Hare, told reporters McLaverty was "appalled" by the "paltry" level of the compensation the Northern Ireland Office had offered and had rejected it.

The matter had now been placed in the hands of lawyers to see if the sum would be increased.

McLaverty now lives under constant police protection at a secret Belfast address. Police fear other Protestant terrorists may try to kill him in revenge for his having put the gang behind bars.

Insult

Gerry Fitz, member of parliament for West Belfast, said he intended to raise the matter of the "amount of compensation offered in the House of Commons."

"This is an insulting offer to a young man who suffered a terrible ordeal at the hands of these sub-human fiends," Fitz said.

The Northern Ireland Office refused comment.

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COUNTRY ROAD: Near Elkhur, in the drought-stricken north of South Africa, a man takes his wife for an outing in their donkey cart, one of the main means of rural transport. The family bicycle is tied to the back. (AP Photo).

In takeover of town

Ugandan rebels claim success

DAR ES SALAAM, March 5 (AP) — A Ugandan rebel attack on the eastern Ugandan town of Tororo late last week achieved its goal, says a well-informed Ugandan who played a role in planning the operation.

"We never intended to hold Tororo. Our aim was to get weapons and ammunition from the army," the Ugandan, who insisted on remaining "anonymous," said Monday.

Radio Uganda announced Saturday that forces loyal to President Idi Amin had crushed an attempt by guerrillas to seize Tororo.

The Ugandan said the Tororo action was carried out by several hundred dissident Ugandan soldiers aided by a small band of guerrillas loyal to former President Milton Obote, who lives in exile in Tanzania.

He said that six weeks ago soldiers at Tororo made contact with Obote guerrillas and the Tororo action was planned.

But leaked alerted Amin to the planned raid against the Tororo barracks.

"But his information was wrong," the Ugandan said. "He thought it was going to be purely a guerrilla operation. He did not know we had support within his own army. Therefore when our followers turned on their fellow soldiers in the trenches, killing many of them, it was a total surprise."

Soldiers loyal to Amin fled in panic, and the dissident troops and guerrillas made their way into the army.

But the guerrillas were surprised to find there were no functioning vehicles in the base for taking away their captured arms.

"Our followers had to carry the guns and ammunition away in their arms and on their heads," he said. "They had to leave a lot of ammunition behind."

An in a Tanzania television Monday, Obote said that more than two million Ugandans now live in areas "liberated" from Amin, and his guerrilla forces are "marching towards Kampala."

"We lack only one thing—arms," the former president said. "If we had arms, we would have by tomorrow an army greater than Amin's."

Obote confirmed that last week's brief seizure of the barracks at Tororo was a success.

"The operation succeeded as far as I know," he said. "The aim was to attack the barracks and seize arms for distribution among the people, and this they did. It wasn't meant to hold on to Tororo. No."

For the first time, Obote admitted that his supporters, who have lived in exile with him, are now fighting Amin's forces in Uganda.

From page one

U.S. mediation effort appeared to be headed toward defeat.

But late Sunday after their fourth session, there was a sudden reversal.

Carter gave Begin new U.S. proposals for breaking the deadlock. They were submitted to the Israeli cabinet, which voted Monday to accept them.

Begin then reported the action to Carter at a 10-minute White House meeting. Powell's announcement of the presidential trip followed.

The recommendations were not disclosed publicly.

Don't think that an American president when he decided to visit Egypt and Israel would leave things to fate," Khalil said.

Saudi

Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal in Kuwait, where Arab foreign ministers are trying to arrange a solution to problems between the two Yemens.

Prince Saud told Butros that the status of the Saudi contingent in Lebanon hinges on the results of the current Arab foreign ministers meeting in Kuwait, Butros said.

The delay in pulling out the Saudi contingent has allayed widespread fears of an outbreak of hostilities between right-wing Lebanese militias and Syrian forces of the 30,000-man ADF.

In a separate development, the right-wing Phalangist radio said a Lebanese army officer was shot dead by a sniper in Beirut's battle-scarred Ain Rummaneh area.

In a telephone interview with the Associated Press, "It is natural that he hopes it will be a success. If it fails it would reflect badly on him."

Asked whether the Carter trip would represent a make-it-or-break-it effort, Khalil said, "it will most likely lead to a signing."

Khalil declined to say what the American proposals to Israel were but he said the U.S. administration and Carter personally "know the Egyptian position very well indeed and that we cannot accept but that."

Khalil said he had received no official notification so far of the Israeli cabinet decision but that it appeared that the Israelis had agreed "in principle" to interpretive notes on the key articles in the draft treaty which had been in dispute.

He also said there was apparent agreement on an exchange of letters between Egypt, Israel and the United States on the linkage issue.

All of this he said, was a "positive sign."

The Israeli cabinet vote of 9-3 with four abstentions was a sign of considerable opposition within the cabinet, indicating Israel made some concessions in accepting the proposal.

The principal sticking point has been Sadat's demand, backed by the Carter administration, that a timetable be included in the treaty package for establishing Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Good Morning

A day at the shops

By Jihad Al-Khazra

Some time ago, the Saudi regional office for the boycott of Israel issued a reminder that some British shops were blacklisted including Marks and Spencer and Selfridges, because of their involvement in the Israeli economy.

The "Guardian" quoted executives of the two shops, being surprised about the reminder, because both had been on the blacklist for a long time. And both said, anyhow, that the matter was not that important, because Arab customers would keep on buying from them as they had been doing for years.

The Marks and Spencer executive said that Arabs would continue to take out the St. Michael tag from their purchases before they went through customs at home.

The "Guardian" quoted a magistrate at Marlborough Court, where most cases of shoplifting are referred, as saying the number of Arabs tried, convicted and fined every day for shoplifting indicated that they are absolutely indifferent to what the boycott office thought or advised.

He proposed, as a cure for shoplifting, that a sign displayed in shops in Arabic to the effect that whenever an Arab is caught shoplifting his name would be conveyed to the boycott office in his home country.

The sad thing about all this is that the two executives at the magistrate are right. There are thousands of shops in London, and not even one per cent are on the blacklist. Arabs still choose to patronize the few that are blacklisted.

Not only do they deliberately ignore the boycott, but many steal, adding a further disgrace to treason. Any caught doing this deserves whatever punishment he gets, especially if he or she is carrying \$200 in cash and something worth perhaps \$10.

Shoplifting fines are now quite stiff — about \$2,000. I wonder what is that compared to the humiliation of arrest and a scandal in the press, to say nothing of sully the reputation of one's own country?

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Idi Amin lauds wife for commanding ro

NAIROBI, March 5 (R) — President Idi Amin has declared his wife Sarah the best woman commander in the Ugandan armed forces after she led a woman's military unit through heavy fire without his knowledge.

Sunday, Radio Uganda said, Sarah, 23, was commander of a motorized unit of "Women's Strike Force" when it was attacked. It said women drove for six hours had no sleep for two days, their mission was successful.

Georgia college team saved after being stuck in cave

LAHAYETTE, Ga. March 5 (AP) — An assistance college geology professor and six students have been found alive, more than a day after they were trapped deep inside a mountain cave.

All seven persons, who were in Georgia Southwestern College expedition, Sunday left the cave in Pigeon Mountain after divers reached them in their third attempt.

The group walked out the help of rescuers who said they were to be taken to a local hospital examination, Walker Co. Sheriff's deputies said.

Torrents of water from very thunderstorms kept the men and two women to inside the mountain cave urday night and Sunday.

Arab

State Department rep Monday.

The Associated Press reported that Deputy spokesman Hoddin Carter the U.S. embassy in Yemen has ordered all 139 corps volunteers in the south section of the country and Americans attached to the government in the area to leave the capital. It also recommended that other Americans do the same.

There are 40 Americans in area, Carter said.

Tunnel

Abdul Rahman Al-Qadi, 5 Liaison Officer Col. Muhi med Al-Rumail and other officers and high-ranking officers.

Cooperation among countries, in general, and roleum producing countries particular, was the means to test the Gulf from dangers foreign ambitions, Prince Saud added in the interview.

He described relations between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain as "excellent."

He was hosted at lunch Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Qadi attended by Bahraini Apparent and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Khalifa and other senior officials.

Earlier in the day, Prince Saud received a number Bahraini businessmen members of the Saudi community in Bahrain.

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